

A Special OLLI Travel Opportunity – December 2020

Must register by July 1, 2019!

Working with two University Professors and their travel company, Sirius Travel, we are able to offer to 20 adventurous OLLI members a unique trip to...

2020 Patagonia, Argentina - Experience a Total Solar Eclipse with OLLI

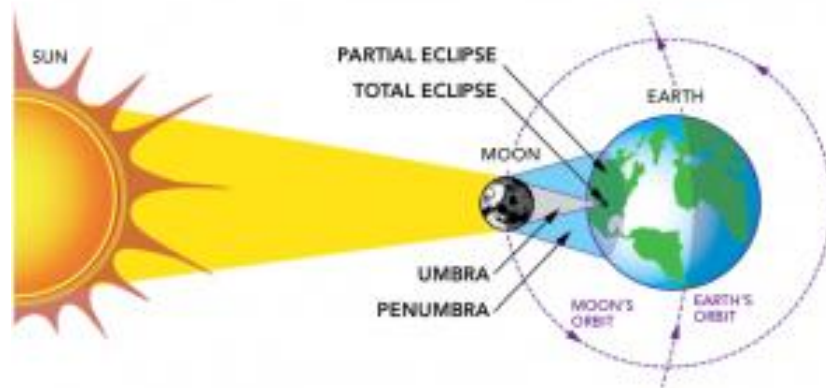
Patagonia Argentina, South America | December 12 - 20, 2020

We have 20 spaces on this sold out trip reserved exclusively for OLLI members!

In addition to the trip, and open to all OLLI at DU members, we will be hosting a two-hour event in mid-November 2020 about the upcoming Solar Eclipse and the Patagonia ice fields.

Specifics of the trip as well as the OLLI discount are explained on the following website:

<https://siriustravel.com/solar-eclipse-tours/2020-patagonia-argentina-olli-total-solar-eclipse/>



Sirius Travel and OLLI at DU have collaborated to offer up to 20 spaces for a special \$300 per person discount for OLLI members (available until filled or July 1, 2019) on this once-in-a-lifetime total solar eclipse trip to Patagonia in Argentina on December 14th, 2020. Our adventure begins in Buenos Aires on December 12 and we will proceed from there to our exclusive nomad camp on the eclipse path which will be complete with comfortable sleeping arrangements, amenities, gourmet food, and premium wines. Following the total solar eclipse, we will explore the Bariloche region of Argentina before traveling to the south where we will spend 4 days near Calafate exploring the rapidly changing* Patagonian ice fields and glaciers. This trip is a combination of eclipse chasing and last-chance-to-see experiences while enjoying excellent international company. **What sets our tour apart from other tours** is our inclusion of the Patagonian icefields with Sirius

Travel's climate scientists as your tour guides and regular talks on widely ranging topics in climate science and astronomy.

A Bit about the Organization and Our Guides:

Sirius Travel Inc. is owned and operated by astronomers whose specialties include solar astronomy, stellar and planetary evolution, galactic astronomy, cosmology, X-ray astronomy, astrophotography, and archeoastronomy. When we are not leading excursions to interesting astronomical sites in the U.S. or around the world, we pursue observing time, write papers, and teach astronomy. Based in Boulder, Colorado, Sirius Travel is influenced by and ideally situated to access the rich astronomical environment, both ancient and modern, of the north American southwest.



Victoria Alten Sahami

Victoria Alten Sahami, M.S. is an alumna of the University of Colorado astrophysics program. Over the years she has taught numerous astronomy courses, worked as a solar observer at Mt. Wilson Observatory, worked as a tour guide at Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles, researched and discovered more than 40 new astronomical objects (Herbig-Haro objects), launched UV telescope payloads on rockets from the outback of Australia, and spent countless long cold nights at telescopes observing everything from geosynchronous satellites to star formation regions.



Kamran Sahami, Ph.D

Kamran Sahami, Ph.D. is a professor of physics at the Metropolitan State University of Denver (MSU) and is a researcher at the University of Colorado in Boulder. Kamran recently earned the prestigious Annual Faculty Senate Teaching Excellence Award at MSCD and is currently a principal investigator on an NSF grant studying the effects of an immersive environment on teaching undergraduate astronomy. He has spent many years teaching physics at the college level, has co-authored a teacher's guide to undergraduate astronomy, and enjoys photographing astronomical objects.