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The Association of Rice Alumni presents

SOUTH AMERICAN TAPESTRY

February 2-19, 2017

18 days for \$7,547 total price from Houston
(\$6,995 air & land inclusive plus \$552 airline taxes and fees)



An Exclusive Small Group Tour for Alumni,
Parents, and Friends of Rice University

*Featuring Russell A. Green, Will Clayton Fellow in Economics
and Adjunct Professor at Rice University*

Tour membership limited to 24 Rice alumni and friends

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Weaving together such diverse elements as the Andes, a Lake District Crossing, and wondrous Iguazu Falls with the urban appeal of Santiago, Buenos Aires, and Rio, this engaging small group tour renders our neighbors to the south in all their beauty, vitality, and historical import.



Day 1: Depart U.S. for Santiago, Chile

Day 2: Arrive Santiago Upon arrival in the Chilean capital this morning, we transfer to our hotel where our rooms are ready for our early arrival. After time to rest and have lunch on our own, we meet our fellow travelers at a welcome briefing with our tour director. Then we embark on a city tour featuring colonial Plaza las Armas and the Museum of Pre-Colombian Art. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. **B,D**

Day 3: Valparaiso/Viña del Mar Today we encounter the old port of Valparaiso, the former fishing village marked by colorful wooden houses and narrow, winding streets, now Chile's third largest city and cultural heart. We visit Concepcion Hill, ride the old wooden funicular, and tour writer Pablo Neruda's home at La Sebastiana. There's time for independent exploration before we return to Santiago via the resort town of Viña del Mar. **B**

Day 4: Santiago/Maipo Valley This morning we travel to Chile's acclaimed wine-growing region in the Maipo Valley for a private tour and tasting. Tonight we dine as guests in the homes of gracious Santiago families. **B,D**

Day 5: Puerto Montt/Puerto Varas We fly this morning to Puerto Montt, gateway to Chile's Lake District. We briefly tour Angelmo Cove's fish and handicraft markets then continue on to our hotel in lakeside Puerto Varas. Late afternoon we depart for Alerce to meet Chilean cowboys, watch a rodeo demonstration, and enjoy a traditional *asado*-style (barbecue) dinner. **B,D**

Day 6: Puerto Varas/Calbuco Today we see the picturesque lakeside town of Calbuco, known for the nearby volcano of the same name and for its fishing industry. We visit a mussel fishery and spend time with a local fisherman and his family, with whom we enjoy lunch together. After returning to Puerto Varas late afternoon, dinner tonight is on our own. **B,L**

Avg. High (°F)	Feb	Mar
Santiago	84	80
Buenos Aires	83	79
Rio de Janeiro	86	85

Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Chilean winery tour and tasting ... Santiago touring, including Museum of Pre-Colombian Art ... Rodeo demonstration and traditional barbecue ... Two-night stay on Chile's Lake Llanquihue ... Scenic Lake District crossing by catamaran and coach ... Alpine Bariloche ... Lively Buenos Aires, including tango performance ... Natural wonder of Iguazu Falls ... Vibrant Rio de Janeiro

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Santiago		
2-4	Santiago	Atton Vitacura	Sup. First Class
5-6	Puerto Varas	Hotel Cabaña del Lago	Sup. First Class
7	Peulla	Hotel Natura	Sup. First Class
8-9	Bariloche	Villa Huinid	First Class
10-12	Buenos Aires	Emperador Hotel Buenos Aires	Deluxe
13-14	Iguazu Falls	Loi Suites Iguazu Hotel	Sup. First Class
15-16	Rio de Janeiro	Hotel Windsor Atlantica	Deluxe
17	Rio de Janeiro/Depart for U.S. (overnight flight)		
18	Arrive U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover photo: Rio de Janeiro embraces its alluring waterfront dominated by Sugar Loaf peak.



Chile's conical Osorno Volcano towers over the region.

Day 7: Vicente Rosales Park/Lake District Crossing/Peulla We depart this morning for Vicente Rosales, Chile's oldest national park, where we see Petrohue Waterfalls with snow-topped Osorno Volcano in the distance. Then we embark on the first leg of our Lake District crossing, boarding a catamaran for the ride across Lake Todos Los Santos, arriving 1½ hours later in Peulla. Here, amidst beautiful natural scenery of Andes peaks and dense forests, this afternoon we enjoy a 4x4 excursion. Then there's time before dinner at our hotel to engage in optional activities such as horseback riding, kayaking, and hiking. *B,L,D*

Day 8: Lake Crossing/Bariloche, Argentina Today we embark on a full and distinctive day of travel as we journey variously by coach and catamaran to Bariloche, passing through stunning Lake District scenery of snow-topped crests, narrow mountain passes, glassine lakes, evergreen forests, and scenes of rural life. We cross from Chile into Argentina, arriving this evening at our lakeside hotel, perched on the southern shore of Lake Nahuel Huapi and surrounded by Nahuel Huapi National Park in the foothills of the Andes. We dine tonight at our hotel. *B,L,D*

Day 9: Bariloche We relish more beautiful scenery on this morning's tour featuring Campanario Hill, where we board chairlifts for the seven-minute ride to the summit – and to spectacular panoramic views. Then we visit downtown Bariloche, tourist center for winter skiing and summer visitors, with a decidedly Alpine feel. *B*

Day 10: Bariloche/Buenos Aires We board a morning flight to the Argentine capital of Buenos Aires, arriving early afternoon. Tonight we dine at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Day 11: Buenos Aires Today's city tour features the lovely mansions and parks of Palermo, the colorful bohemian *barrio* of La Boca, and picturesque San Telmo, among other sights. Tonight we enjoy dinner and a tango show. *B,D*

Day 12: Buenos Aires This morning we visit Teatro Colon, Buenos Aires' beloved Opera House whose acoustics rank among the world's best. After a guided tour here, the rest of the day is at leisure. *B*

Day 13: Buenos Aires/Iguazu Falls We travel today to Iguazu Falls, straddling the border between Argentina and Brazil. Taller than Niagara and twice as wide, Iguazu comprises some 275 individual cataracts and islands spread over a vast national park. We reach our hotel mid-afternoon. *B,D*

Post-Tour Extension

February 18-21, 2017

**RIO DE JANEIRO –
ON YOUR OWN**

3 days/2 nights from \$395 total price
Single Supplement: \$325

*Extend your stay in South America's
most visited city, blessed by nature and
Brazil's cultural center.*

Your Tour Price Includes

- 2 nights' accommodations at Hotel Windsor Atlantica (Deluxe)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to airport

Day 14: Iguazu Falls This morning we take guided hikes on two of the park's tracks and also see the dramatic, towering Devil's Throat waterfall. **B**

Day 15: Iguazu Falls/Rio de Janeiro, Brazil We cross the border this morning to see Iguazu from the Brazilian side, getting a different perspective as we take a guided walk along the river. Early this afternoon we transfer to the airport for the flight to vibrant Rio, the most visited city in the southern hemisphere. **B,D**

Day 16: Rio de Janeiro A full day of touring this pulsating city of Carnivale, Bossa Nova, the samba, and stunning natural beauty begins with a visit to Corcovado Hill, the 2,329-foot peak capped by the 125-foot statue of Christ the Redeemer. From the viewing platform, we see glorious panoramic views of the city, Sugar Loaf Mountain, and Copacabana and Ipanema beaches. Tonight we celebrate our journey at a farewell dinner at a local *churrascaria*, a traditional Brazilian steak house. **B,D**



Tango in Buenos Aires' La Boca

the sea. Then we transfer to the airport for our overnight flight to the U.S. **B**

Day 18: Arrive U.S. We arrive in the U.S. this morning and connect with our return flights home.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 15 nights' accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class hotels
- 29 meals: 16 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 10 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Meet Your Faculty Host



Russell A. Green, Ph.D., is the Will Clayton Fellow in International Economics at Rice University's Baker Institute and an adjunct professor in the Economics Department, where he teaches financial markets, international finance

and macroeconomics. Green's current research focuses on monetary and exchange rate policy, and financial market development in emerging market economies.

Green was previously the deputy director of the U.S. Treasury's Office of International Monetary Policy, where he led efforts to strengthen International Monetary Fund exchange rate policies and international reserve management. He started his tenure at Treasury in the Office of Quantitative Policy Analysis, focusing on emerging market vulnerabilities and debt sustainability analysis. His economic research has addressed bank regulation in Brazil and India, financial liberalization, international reserve accumulation, bilateral investment treaties and the economics of international reproductive health. Green speaks Spanish and Japanese and holds a B.A. from Pomona College and a Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley.

Tour Departs: February 2, 2017

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Miami	\$7,147
Atlanta, Orlando, Tampa	\$7,447
Baltimore, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Washington, DC	\$7,547
Denver, Phoenix, Portland (OR), Seattle	\$7,647
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$6,795

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$552, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,595. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip international flight: \$3,295 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

For reservations and information, please call the Rice Alumni Traveling Owls at 713-34-TRIPS or fax your reservation to 713-348-5210



Dear Rice alumni, parents, and friends,

Join us on an exclusive small group tour that weaves through the southern heart of South America – Chile, Argentina, and Brazil. We are pleased to have Russell A. Green, Will Clayton Fellow in International Economics at Rice University’s Baker Institute and Adjunct Professor of Economics, join the tour in Buenos Aires on day 10.

Begin in Santiago, Chile, and embark on a city tour including colonial Plaza las Armas and the Museum of Pre-Colombian Art. Visit Chile’s wine-growing region for a private tour and tasting, then travel to the country’s scenic Lake District. Watch a rodeo demonstration and enjoy a traditional asado-style (barbecue) dinner. Journey by coach and catamaran to alpine Bariloche. Continue to lively Buenos Aires, where you will enjoy a tango show. Experience Iquazu Falls, and conclude the tour in the vibrant city of Rio de Janeiro. Extend your time in Rio by adding a 3-day/2-night optional extension to enjoy this exciting city at your own pace. Dr. Green will provide enlightening talks throughout the second leg of the journey.

With space for only 24 Rice-affiliated guests in total, we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today and secure your place on this fascinating journey!

Warm Regards,

Dan Stypa
Associate Director of Alumni Programs
Office of Alumni Relations

RICE UNIVERSITY RESERVATION FORM: SOUTH AMERICAN TAPESTRY

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$_____(\$500 per person) for ____ person/people on **South American Tapestry** departing **February 2, 2017**. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. **Please make deposit check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and send with completed registration form to: Rice Alumni Traveling Owls – MS 520, Rice University, P.O. Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251-1892. Or call the Rice Alumni Traveling Owls at 713-34-TRIPS or email travelingowls@rice.edu. You may also fax your reservation to 713-348-5210.**

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E-mail _____ Badge Name(s) _____

Please book my air/our from _____ I/we request a Business Class upgrade

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

Post-Tour “Rio de Janeiro - On Your Own” Extension: Please sign me/us up

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **South American Tapestry, February 2-19, 2017**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

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, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not included in tour price

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only Tour package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities \$10-\$15 per guest, per day); optional sightseeing; travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline prior to departure.

Cancellations, refunds and changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **Cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; Cancel 94-95 days before departure: 25% of tour price; Cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; Cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; Cancel 29-0 days before departure: No refund.** If a guest makes any reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. In addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties, changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes within 94 and 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by 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 are allowed within 30 days of departure.**

Upon making your reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

Responsibility

The liability of the Office of Alumni Relations and Rice University, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases 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 Office of Alumni Relations, Rice University, and Odysseys Unlimited, 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.

Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own.** We regret that we cannot offer 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 or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the Office of Alumni Relations, Rice University, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and connects with those airlines they feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. 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. Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of our 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, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, 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, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**



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