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If Einstein Climbed Everest: Alexander von Humboldt's Hero's Journey to South America

Learn about the incredible life and career of Alexander von Humboldt, Prussian naturalist, mountaineer, polymath, and the era's second most famous European (after Napolean). Humboldt's journey to South America (1799-1804) was a groundbreaking accomplishment. We will discuss how his reports from this trip rippled throughout society, affecting politics, history, science, and art. We will explore how his work is an excellent example of consilience: how science and art can intersect to reveal truths about the natural world.



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YOUR INSTRUCTOR: Eric Simon



Eric Simon, PhD, is professor of biology at New England College. He received his PhD in biochemistry from Harvard University. An avid traveler and award-winning nature photographer, Simon leads educational international trips to destinations including Belize, the Galapagos, Tanzania, Cuba, the Amazon River, and Patagonia. Simon is the author of a widely used series of college biology textbooks with over 2 million books in print that help teach biology to students in over 40 countries.

THURSDAYS, JANUARY 28 THROUGH MARCH 4

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Each live session is 90 minutes

- Thursday, January 28
- Thursday, February 4
- Thursday, February 11
- Thursday, February 18
- Thursday, February 25
- Thursday, March 4

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