

Antarctica - Antarctic Peninsula | Sea Spirit

Trip Code

ACTSPSSC

Departure

11/11/2026, 08/12/2026, 18/12/2026, 28/12/2026, 18/02/2027, 28/02/2027, 28/11/2027, 08/12/2027, 18/12/2027, 28/12/2027, 26/01/2028, 18/02/2028, 28/02/2028

Duration

12 Days

Locations

Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctica

Introduction

Our Classic Antarctica expedition offers the essential experiences of one of the wildest and most spectacular places on Earth. Setting sail from the city of Ushuaia – the southernmost city in the world, we cross the Drake Passage on our way to the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula. The scenery is stunning with snow-capped mountain ranges, glaciers, ice-filled channels and beautifully-carved icebergs at every turn. Add to that an abundance of seals, whales, seabirds and vast penguin colonies, and you have the makings of a journey of a lifetime!

Departures over Christmas: (18 December 2026 & 18 December 2027)

Your Antarctic adventure will be even more memorable as Christmas Day falls during your days of exploration! We will celebrate it with special meals and festivities that honour the diverse traditions of our multinational passengers. Santa Claus will make an appearance, and you'll have the opportunity to take your photo with him in the snow. We encourage you to dress in festive attire for an evening filled with holiday music, singing, and dancing. This will be a Christmas in Antarctica you'll always remember!

Departures over New Years Eve: (28 December 2026 & 28 December 2027)

New Year's day falls in the middle of your Antarctic Peninsula adventure. We will celebrate it with special meals and holiday festivities in the various traditions of our multinational passengers. We encourage you to dress in elegant attire for an evening of music, dancing and champagne. New Year's Eve in Antarctica will be a night to remember!

Itinerary

DAY 1: Arrival in Ushuaia, Argentina

Welcome to Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city and starting point of our Antarctic expedition! Upon your arrival at the airport, you will be greeted by our staff and transferred to a quality hotel, which has been arranged by us and is included in the price of the itinerary. For the rest of the day, you are free to explore this vibrant port city and adventure hub. For an introduction to local history and wildlife, the interesting Museo del Fin del Mundo is worth a visit. If you have time to spare, a variety of nature activities can be arranged to suit all interests and fitness levels, from hiking in nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park to wildlife viewing in the Beagle Channel. For dinner, Ushuaia offers a wide range of restaurants featuring Patagonian lamb and delectable Fuegian seafood.



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After breakfast at your hotel, the morning is

yours to enjoy Ushuaia. Explore the

delightful waterfront and savor views of the

locations Martial Range, the

Southern Peaks of the Andes. Take

advantage of shopping for souvenirs or

some last-minute necessities such as cold-

weather gear. Just remember, you will soon

receive your very own parka to keep and

waterproof boots to borrow on board the

ship. For lunch, the many cafes, parrillas

and gelato shops on Avenida San Martín will

be sure to satisfy any appetite. In the

afternoon, you will be transferred to the

pier where we will warmly welcome you

aboard the deluxe expedition vessel M/V

Sea Spirit. Get settled in your spacious suite

and explore the ship that will be your

comfortable home during the extraordinary

adventure to come. After getting underway,

a full schedule of events kicks off with

informative briefings and introductions from

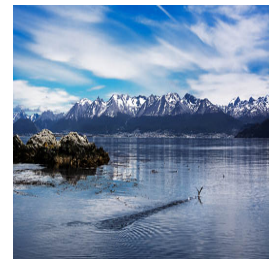
your expedition staff. After the first of many

delicious dinners on board, step out onto

the open decks to admire the scenery and

gorgeous evening light as we pass through

the Beagle Channel.



DAY 3: Crossing the Drake Passage - Days 3
& 4

After passing the islands of Tierra del

Fuego, we turn south to begin our crossing

of the Drake Passage. We watch for

humpback and fin whales along the way.

The majestic wandering albatross and other

graceful subantarctic seabirds are common

in these waters and can readily be viewed

from panoramic open decks and balconies.

We also cross the Antarctic Convergence,

the biological boundary of the Southern

Ocean. The ship's stabilizing fins provide

comfort in the event of rough seas.

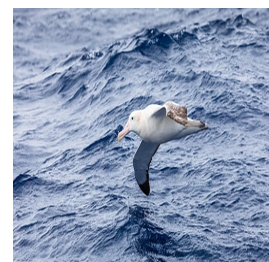
Briefings, bio-security procedures and

presentations by our lecture staff prepare

you for our arrival in Antarctica. We hope to

arrive in the South Shetland Islands on the

evening of our second day at sea.



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Within the next days, we explore the

highlights of the South Shetland Islands and

Antarctic Peninsula. This region

contains some of the world's most

impressive scenery and the best wildlife

viewing in Antarctica. Sheltered bays and

channels sparkle with ice and reflect

towering mountain peaks coated in

permanent snow and immense glaciers.

Icebergs of every size and description

complete an image of incomparable beauty.

Waters rich with krill are home to huge

numbers of marine mammals and seabirds.

The whole area is alive with penguins

foraging at sea and forming large rookeries

at special places on land. Here we also find

Antarctic research bases of various

nationalities. The South Shetland Islands

are the northernmost islands in Antarctica

and will likely be our first area of

exploration. This wildly beautiful island

chain contains many landing sites with

historical significance and abundant

wildlife. We will also explore the supremely

picturesque Gerlache Strait area of the

Antarctic Peninsula, a pristine wilderness of

spectacular white landscapes, colossal

icebergs, obliging marine mammals and

bustling penguin colonies. We hope to show

you the famous Lemaire Channel, also

known as "Kodak Gap" because of the

photogenic way the narrow channel reflects

the image of sheer snowy mountains.

Throughout this area, we find large colonies

of gentoo, chinstrap and Adélie penguins,

sometimes side by side. This a great time

for close encounters with inquisitive

penguin chicks, who are now gaining

independence as they fledge. This is also

the peak of the whale-watching season. In

this rugged yet accessible environment,

superb wildlife viewing is best

complemented by active adventure. Our

knowledgeable guides will offer hiking and

hill climbing for an even greater perspective

of this raw polar wilderness. For sea

kayakers, the wildlife-rich waters of

Antarctica offer many chances to paddle

with seals and penguins in some of the

world's most scenic waterways. To make the

most of your time on the White Continent,

you can also spend a night camping ashore,

surrounded by untamed Antarctic nature.

This is expedition cruising at its most

authentic. Our precise route and exploration

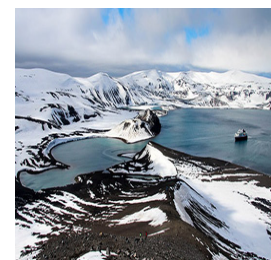
opportunities will be shaped by weather and

ice. Our experienced captain and expedition

leader will continually adjust plans to take

maximum advantage of the conditions in

this challenging polar environment.



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DAY 10: Drake Passage - Days 10 & 11

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It is now time to head back across the Drake

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Adventures is Potomito, A Sea birds are

our constant companions and there is

always the possibility of whale encounters

in these wild waters. This is also the time

for festivities such as the Captain's Farewell

Cocktail and the end-of-voyage slideshow.

Finally, as we enter the calm Beagle

Channel, we enjoy a night of smooth sailing

toward Ushuaia.



DAY 12: Disembarkation in Ushuaia, Argentina

After yet another delicious breakfast on

board, we bid you a fond farewell in

Ushuaia. We provide a group transfer to the

airport or to the city center if you wish to

spend more time here. As you look back on

your wonderful experience in Antarctica,

you may already be looking forward to your

next polar adventure! *Important - Please

be sure not to book flights out of Ushuaia

before 12PM (Noon) on the day of

disembarkation from your cruise ship.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Hotel & Cabin On board a Ship

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1 pre-voyage hotel night on Day 1 in Ushuaia including breakfast
Group transfer from the airport to the hotel on the day prior to embarkation
Group transfer to the ship for embarkation on Day 2
Cabin on board the Sea Spirit
IAATO fees and governmental taxes.
All meals on board throughout the voyage
Tea and coffee station 24 hours daily (**From 2026/27 Antarctic season onward an all-inclusive beverage package that features soft drinks, house wine and beer, and house spirits available in the bar and restaurant*).
All scheduled landings/excursions (subject to weather and ice conditions)
Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader & Expedition Team
Branded Poseidon Expeditions parka (to keep)
Rubber boots for shore landings for the time of the cruise
Welcome and Farewell cocktails
All port fees
Group transfer to airport or central location right after disembarkation
Pre-departure materials
Digital Voyage Log
Wi-Fi on board

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

International or internal flights unless specified
Transfers from the airport to the hotel if arriving prior to Day 1 of the program
Airport transfers, taxes and excess baggage charges unless specified
Visa, passport and reciprocity fees (if applicable)
Travel Insurance - Mandatory Emergency Evacuation Insurance to a minimum benefit of US\$ 200,000 per person
Personal expenses such as laundry
Gratuities for the crew (recommend US\$15 per person per day)
Optional Activities such as kayaking and camping
Fuel surcharge may be applied for all bookings
Pre or post cruise travel expenses
Any meals not mentioned
Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages other than those for special events and celebrations (**From 2026/27 Antarctic season onward an all-inclusive beverage package that features soft drinks, house wine and beer, and house spirits available in the bar and restaurant*).

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)
Subject to availability upon request, contact us for more details.

Single Surcharge

Sharing is available in Triple, Main Deck, Classic, and Superior Suites. If you prefer a cabin for yourself, the following categories are available with the single supplement at:
x1.7 for Main Deck, Classic, and Superior Suites
x2 for Deluxe, Premium, and Owner's Suite

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Prices are based on per person, and may be based off triple or twin share cabins (please contact us for more details).

Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.
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Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

Price Dependent upon Sustainability

Chimu Adventures is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

A trip to the Antarctic is a completely different experience and quite unlike any other trip you have probably been on. We use a highly regulated, licensed vessel which is well equipped to operate in this vulnerable ecosystem. We are fully compliant with all rules set down by the IAATO and all activities are governed by the Antarctic Treaty System. We carefully select all ships we work with and choose them for their small size as this creates far less impact on shore landings with wildlife. We view the voyage to the Antarctic as an expedition, not a sightseeing trip. Smaller boats such as ours can navigate narrow waterways and are far less polluting than the larger ships in Antarctic waters. By carrying less passengers, we have far less waste, and all waste is carried back to the home port to allow for environmentally conscious waste management and disposal, unlike some of the larger ships which do not facilitate this. This trip begins in Ushuaia where you will have time to sample local food and shop at local boutiques which we encourage individuals to take part in for experience and in support of the local community. We also try to create opportunity to see research and historical sites including the former research station/now museum of Port Lockroy and engage with local history. We discourage the buying of souvenirs made from endangered species or wrongfully taken from the environment i.e. shells. Our pre-departure pack provides you with all the information required for your tour, from what to take with you to practical advice about how to minimise your impact on the Antarctic environment. This pack highlights initiatives such as waste reduction, and how to appropriately engage with wildlife and the environment around you.

For more information visit our [sustainability page](#).