

Antarctic Peninsula - Classic Antarctica 10 Days | MV Ushuaia

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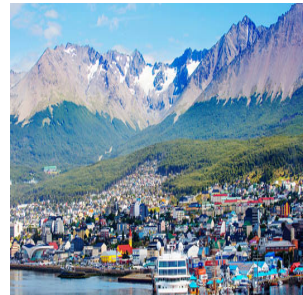
Introduction

Undertake a truly unforgettable expedition cruise to the wonders of the 'Frozen white continent'. Experience the incredible wonders of Antarctica on the MV Ushuaia, a true expedition vessel. Cross the infamous and daring Drake Passage. As the seas calm you will witness the first sightings of snow-capped peaks as you reach the South Shetland Islands. Explore, King George Island where penguins, elephant seals and giant petrels reign superior. Humpback whales and orcas dance in the water in backdrops of snow-capped peaks and crystal glaciers. This experience perfectly combines incredible natural landscapes with indescribable wildlife experiences.

Itinerary

DAY 1: Depart from Ushuaia

Embarkation on the Ushuaia is scheduled for the afternoon. Here you will meet your expedition and lecture staff as well as your fellow crew. After you have settled into your cabins you will sail along the famous Beagle Channel and the scenic Mackinlay Pass.



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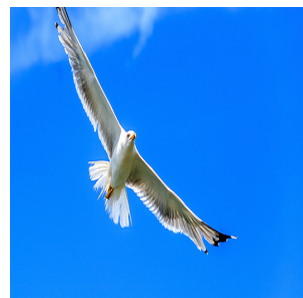
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Duration

10 Days

Named after the renowned explorer, Sir Francis Drake, who sailed these waters in 1578, the Drake Passage also marks the Antarctic Peninsula, a biological barrier where cold polar water sinks beneath the warmer northern waters. This creates a great upwelling of nutrients, which sustains the biodiversity of this region. The Drake Passage also marks the northern limit of many Antarctic seabirds. As we sail across the passage, lecturers will be out with you on deck to help in the identification of an amazing variety of seabirds, including many albatrosses, which follow in our wake. The USHUAIA's open bridge policy allows you to join our officers on the bridge and learn about navigation, watch for whales, and enjoy the view. A full program of lectures will be offered as well. The first sightings of icebergs and snow-capped mountains indicate that we have reached the South Shetland Islands, a group of twenty islands and islets first sighted in February 1819 by Capt. William Smith of the brig Williams. With favorable conditions in the Drake Passage our lecturers and naturalists will accompany you ashore as you experience your first encounter with the penguins and seals on Day 3.



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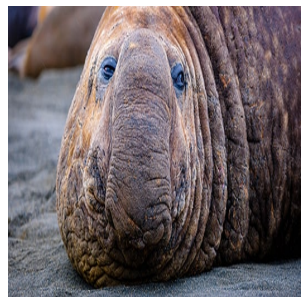
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Duration The South Shetland Islands are a haven for
10 Days Vast penguin rookeries, beaches
ruled by Antarctic fur seals and Southern
Locations elephant seals make every day spent in this
Antarctic Peninsula amazing island group unforgettable. Sailing

through the narrow passage into the flooded caldera of Deception Island is truly amazing. King George Island, the largest of the South Shetland Islands, features colonies of nesting Adélie and Chinstrap Penguins, Kelp Gulls, Blue-eyed Cormorants, Antarctic Terns and Southern Giant Petrels and is home to scientific bases of many different countries. Macaroni, Chinstrap and Gentoo Penguins as well as elephant seals await you at Livingston Island. The Antarctic Peninsula's remarkable history will provide you with a type of excitement often only associated with the early explorers. You will have plenty of time to explore its amazing scenery, a pristine wilderness of snow, ice, mountains and waterways, and an incredible wide variety of wildlife. Apart from penguins and seabirds you are very likely to see Weddell, crabeater and leopard seals as well as Minke, killer (orca) and humpback whales at close range. We hope to navigate some of the most beautiful waterways (depending on the ice conditions): the Gerlache Strait, the Neumayer Channel, and the Lemaire Channel, the latter are narrow passages between towering rock faces and spectacular glaciers. We plan to make at least two landings per day and possible landing sites may include: Paradise Bay is perhaps the most aptly named place in the world and we attempt a landing on the continent proper. After negotiating the icebergstrewn waters of the Antarctic Sound, we hope to visit the bustling Adélie Penguin (over 100,000 pairs breed here) and Blue-eyed Cormorant colonies on Paulet Island. The Nordenskjöld expedition built a stone survival hut here in 1903. Today its ruins have been taken over by nesting penguins. Further exploration may take you to the Melchior Island group, Cuverville Island, Portal Point, Neko Harbour, Pléneau Island and if ice conditions permit, to Petermann Island for a visit to the southernmost colony of Gentoo Penguins.



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Day 9: Sea crossing the Drake Passage

Days

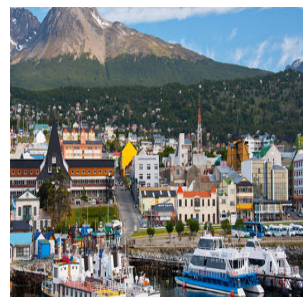
Locations

We leave Antarctica and head north across the Drake Passage. Join our lecturers and naturalists on deck as we search for seabirds and whales and enjoy some final lectures. Take the chance to relax and reflect on the fascinating adventures of the past days on the way back to Ushuaia.



DAY 10: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

Disembarkation is scheduled for the early morning. You will disembark in Ushuaia after breakfast where you can continue to whatever journey may lay ahead. Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Cabin on board ship

INCLUSIONS

All accommodation on board the MV Ushuaia

All meals on board

All scheduled landings and excursions

All port fees

All landing fees

Detailed post-expedition log

Programs of lectures by naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

Airfares to and from embarkation and disembarkation city

Transfers to/from the port

Visa fees (if applicable)

Travel insurance

Personal expenses such laundry, on board communication

Gratuities for the crews

Pre or post cruise travel expenses

Optional activities

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge

Available upon request, and subject to availability. Contact us for more details.

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Notes
Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated for triple/quadruple cabins)
Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.
Duration
10 Days
Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions
Price Dependent upon
Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and
Locations
availability.
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Sustainability