

Argentina - Patagonian Explorer | Ventus Australis

Trip Code

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Departure

04/2026, 25/09/2026, 03/10/2026, 11/10/2026, 19/10/2026, 27/10/2026, 04/11/2026, 12/11/2026, 20/11/2026, 28/11/2026, 06/12/2026, 14/12/2026, 22/12/2026, 30/12/2026, 07/01/2027, 15/01/2027, 23/01/2027, 31/01/2027, 08/02/2027, 16/02/2027, 24/02/2027, 04/03/2027, 12/03/2027, 20/03/2027, 28/03/2027, 05/04/2027

Duration

5 Days

Locations

Argentina, Patagonia, Chile

Introduction

This extraordinary 5-day cruise will guide you to world's most beautiful and exclusive places while indulging in luxury onboard of the Ventus Australis.

Embark on an adventurous journey between Ushuaia (Argentina) to Punta Arenas (Chile) aboard the Ventus Australis, through some of planet's most remote places and incredible scenery. Discover the wild beauty of Patagonia on a voyage that showcases the region's pristine landscapes, rich wildlife and fascinating human history aboard an expedition ship that brings an extraordinary level of comfort and service to the uttermost edge of the world. Leaving the twinkling lights of Ushuaia behind, the vessel calls on fabled spots like Cape Horn and Wulaia Bay before cruising down the Beagle Channel. Continuing through the maze of islands, we'll visit a number of glaciers, frozen giants that guard the southern flank of the Fuegian Archipelago, before entering the legendary Strait of Magellan. Last stop is the Isla Magdalena and its boisterous penguin colony before docking at Punta Arenas.

***** Please note, this itinerary also operates in reverse, from Ushuaia to Punta Arenas *****

In this all-encompassing cruise, you will be provided with travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary. Your all-inclusive cruise in will take place on in the upmarket comfort of the Ventus Australis.

Itinerary

DAY 1: Ushuaia

Check in and luggage drop off is at the Cruceros Australis office, between 10:00hrs and 17:00hrs (10am-5pm) at 409 San Martin Street, in downtown Ushuaia.

Boarding commences at 18:00hrs (6pm) with departure scheduled at 20:00hrs (8pm). All passengers must be on board the vessel at least one hour before departure.

Please note your luggage will be taken to your cabin. After a welcoming toast and introduction of captain and crew, the ship departs for one of the most remote corners of planet Earth. During the night we traverse the Beagle Channel and cross from Argentina into Chilean territorial waters.

The lights of Ushuaia disappear as we turn into the narrow Murray Channel between Navarino and Hoste islands.



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DAY 2: Cape Horn - Wulaia Bay

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Around the break of dawn, Stella Australis

crosses Nassau Bay and enters the remote

Argentine Patagonia, Chile

archipelago that comprises Cape Horn

National Park. Weather and sea conditions

permitting, we shall go ashore on the

windswept island that harbors legendary

Cape Horn (Cabo de Hornos). Discovered in

1616 by a Dutch maritime expedition -- and

named after the town of Hoorn in West

Friesland -- Cape Horn is a sheer 425-meter

(1,394-foot) high rocky promontory

overlooking the turbulent waters of the

Drake Passage. For many years it was the

only navigation route between the Pacific

and Atlantic, and was often referred to as

the "End of the Earth." The park was

declared a World Biosphere Reserve by

UNESCO in 2005. The Chilean navy

maintains a permanent lighthouse on the

island, staffed by a lightkeeper and his

family, as well as the tiny Stella Maris

Chapel and modern Cape Horn Monument

(currently awaiting repair after being

damaged by fierce winds). Sailing back

across Nassau Bay, we anchor at fabled

Wulaia Bay, one of the few places in the

archipelago where the human history is just

as compelling as the natural environment.

Originally the site of one of the region's

largest Yámana aboriginal settlements, the

bay was described by Charles Darwin and

sketched by Captain FitzRoy in the 1830s

during their voyages on HMS Beagle. This

area is also renowned for its mesmerizing

beauty and dramatic geography. After a

visit to the Australis-sponsored museum in

the old radio station -- which is especially

strong on the Yámana people and European

missionaries in the area -- passengers have

a choice of three hikes (of increasing

degrees of difficulty) that ascend the heavily

wooded mountain behind the bay. On all of

these you stroll through an enchanted

Magellanic forest of lengas, coigües,

canelos and ferns to reach panoramic

viewpoints overlooking the bay.



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~~DAY 3: Pia Glacier - Garibaldi Glacier~~

Duration

5 Days

Overnight we sail around the western end of

Tierra del Fuego via the very narrow

Argentina, Patagonia, Chile

Magdalen Channel, Magdalena Channel and

Cockburn Channel. After rounding the

remote Brecknock Peninsula, Ventus

Australis tacks eastward and enters the

Beagle Channel again. By morning we are

entering Pia Fjord and boarding the Zodiacs

for a shore excursion to Pia Glacier. After

disembarking we take a short hike to gain a

panoramic view of the spectacular glacier,

which extends from the mountaintops down

to the sea or a longer much more difficult

walk up a lateral moraine of the old Pia

Glacier. No one knows for certain how the

hulking mass of snow and ice got its

feminine moniker, but one theory says it

was named for Princess Maria Pia of Savoy

(1847-1911), daughter of the Italian king.

Making our way further west along the

Beagle Channel, we enter another long fjord

and drop anchor near Garibaldi Glacier for

another shore excursion. Garibaldi is one of

only three glaciers in Patagonia gaining

mass rather than staying the same or slowly

shrinking. This time we hike through virgin

Magellanic forest to a glacial waterfall, a

towering wall of ferns and moss, and

spectacular viewpoints looking down on the

glacier and fjord. The walk is demanding --

very steep, negligible trail, rough footing --

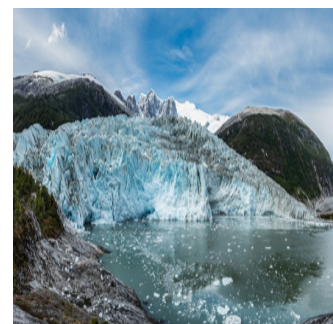
and not for everyone. For those who choose

to stay onboard, our captain will point the

bow towards the beautiful sky blue

Garibaldi Glacier so everyone can enjoy the

panoramic view from the upper decks.



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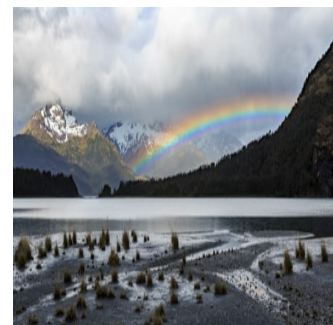
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Duration In the morning, we will sail through the Cockburn Channel and enter Agostini Sound. From there it is possible to see the glaciers that descend from the middle of the Darwin Mountain Range -- some of them reaching the water. This morning, we will disembark and go for an easy walk around a lagoon, which was formed by the melting of the Águila Glacier. We will reach a spot right in front of that glacier with stunning views. In the afternoon, we will approach the Condor Glacier via Zodiac -- and hopefully see some of the abundant Andean Condors in the area.



DAY 5: Magdalena Island - Punta Arenas

After an overnight cruise through Magdalena Channel and back into the Strait of Magellan, we anchor off Magdalena Island, which lies about halfway between Tierra del Fuego and the Chilean mainland. Crowned by a distinctive lighthouse, the island used to be an essential source of supplies for navigators and explorers and is inhabited by an immense colony of Magellanic penguins. At the break of dawn, weather permitting, we go ashore and hike a path that leads through thousands of penguins to a small museum lodged inside the vintage 1902 lighthouse. Many other bird species are also found on the island. In September and April -- when the penguins dwell elsewhere -- this excursion is replaced by a ride aboard Zodiacs to Marta Island to observe South American sea lions. After a short cruise south along the strait, disembarkation at Punta Arenas is scheduled for around 11:30 AM. *Camera extension poles are prohibited on Magdalena Island



Inclusions & Details

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	Cabin on board ship
	Cabin accommodation on board Ventus Australis
Duration	5 Days
Locations	Argentina, Patagonia, Chile
Inclusions	<p>All meals whilst on board</p> <p>Port taxes (subject to change*)</p> <p>All scheduled landings and excursions (subject to weather conditions)</p> <p>Open bar (when bartender on duty)</p> <p>All on board entertainment & lectures</p> <p>Exclusions</p> <p>Airfares to/from embarkation and disembarkation city</p> <p>Visa fees (if applicable)</p> <p>Any additional activities not mentioned in itinerary</p> <p>Gratuities for staff/crew</p> <p>*Transfers to/from pier</p>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	A single supplement applies. Please contact us for more information and pricing.
Notes	*Transfers to/from the port in both cities are not included and can be booked with your Destination Specialist
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, season and availability.
Sustainability	