

Antarctic Circle - In the Wake of Charcot | Le Commandant Charcot

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ACPOCPI
Departure



Introduction

Discover some of the most remote and unique islands of Antarctica as you undertake this incredible expedition. Cruise into the vast mysteries of the Bellingshausen Sea and discover the remote Peter I Island of which the, summit still remains untouched today. Be among some of the only people to ever travel to these two incredible islands beyond the Antarctic Polar Circle.

Itinerary

DAY 1: Arrive & spend the night in Santiago

Upon arrival in Santiago, a representative will meet you at the airport before transferring you to your hotel. Today you are free to explore the city before beginning your voyage the following day. Note: Arrival transfers, accommodation and dinner in Santiago are included as part of your package.



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Capital of Argentina's Tierra del Fuego

Province, Ushuaia is considered the

gateway to the White Continent and the

South Pole. Nicknamed "El fin del mundo"

by the Argentinian people, this city at the

end of the world nestles in the shelter of

mountains surrounded by fertile plains that

the wildlife seem to have chosen as the

ultimate sanctuary. With its exceptional site,

where the Andes plunge straight into the

sea, Ushuaia is one of the most fascinating

places on earth, its very name evocative of

journeys to the unlikely and the

inaccessible... Your flight from Santiago to

Ushuaia is included, as well as your arrival

transfer from the airport to the cruise ship

in Ushuaia. Embarkation is scheduled

between 4 and 5pm with departure set for

approximately 6pm.



DAY 3: Crossing the Drake - Day 3 to 4

Use your days spent in the Drake Passage to familiarise yourself with your ship and deepen your knowledge of the Antarctic.

The Expedition Leader will first present the

IAATO rules of conduct that must be

observed during landings in the region and

will explain everything you need to know

about the zodiac outings. Lectures about the

history and wildlife of the Antarctic will be

an opportunity for you to learn more about

this magical region, where every cruise is a

unique experience. From the ship's bridge,

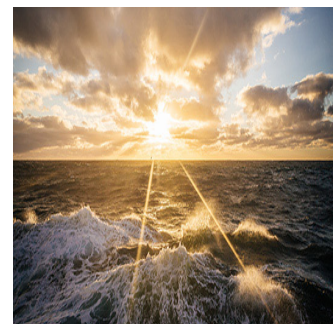
you will experience exceptional sailing

moments before joining the naturalist-

guides on your ship's exterior decks to look

out for albatrosses, cape petrels, and other

seabirds flying over the Drake Passage.



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Locations

When permitted, we'll cross the mythic Antarctic Circle, Antarctic Peninsula and the Antarctic Polar Circle, located along 66°33' south of the Equator. This iconic area demarcates the point from which it is possible to view the midnight sun during the December solstice. Within this circle, the sun remains above the horizon for 24 consecutive hours at least once a year. Crossing this line, an experience known to few people, is sure to be an unforgettable highlight of your cruise through the polar regions. The sumptuous landscapes of this narrow channel between Adelaide Island and Graham Land attract all visitors sailing towards Marguerite Bay. It is like an ice palace, its immaculate white walls reflected in the frozen mirror formed by the waters of the Southern Ocean, scattered with icebergs and gleaming blocks of ice. This passage was explored for the first time by the Jean-Baptiste Charcot expedition in 1909, which sketched its position. It was then surveyed in 1936 by the British expedition under John Rymill. It is here in this magical setting that some of the first subaquatic images of the Antarctic were shot during Philippe Cousteau's four-month expedition to Antarctica between 1972 and 1973.



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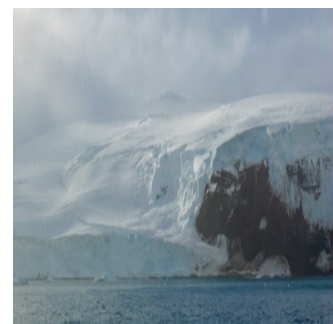
When we discovered this island surrounded by sea ice in 1910 from aboard the Pourquoi Pas as he mapped Alexander Island, Jean-Baptiste Charcot had not be able to get less

than 40 miles away from it. Situated in a zone that experiences frequent low-pressure systems and regular cloud cover, the island remains in many ways an enigma. It is entirely covered in ice and sheer cliffs, with the exception of the rocky outcrops extending over a dozen kilometres in the far north-west. The ice in the narrowest part of Wilkins Sound has been cracking in recent times, thus officially detaching this island from its neighbour, Alexander Island, lying 50 km away. Very few people have landed on this largely untouched island, whose waters attract numerous seabirds, such as petrels, Antarctic terns and skuas.



DAY 8: Bellingshausen Sea

Stretching from the west of the Antarctic Peninsula to the Amundsen Sea, the Bellingshausen Sea was named after the Russian admiral and explorer who has been attributed the first confirmed sighting of mainland Antarctica, in 1820. Among others, its waters surround two of the Antarctic's largest islands: Alexander Island and Thurston Island. You will explore this sea amid ice floe, blocks of sea ice and majestic icebergs. The coastal areas along the Bellingshausen Sea are also renowned as the home of colonies of emperor penguins. Depending on the month of the southern summer, you will perhaps be lucky enough to observe isolated adults, adolescents seeking emancipation or recently independent new adults.



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Spend exceptional moments sailing aboard

Le Commandant Charcot, the world's first

Antarctic Circle, Antarctic Peninsula,

Luxury polar exploration vessel and the first

PC2-class polar cruise ship capable of

sailing into the very heart of the ice, on seas

and oceans which the frozen conditions

render inaccessible to ordinary ships. Le

Commandant Charcot is fitted with

oceanographic and scientific equipment

selected by a committee of experts. Take

advantage of the on-board lectures and

opportunities for discussion with these

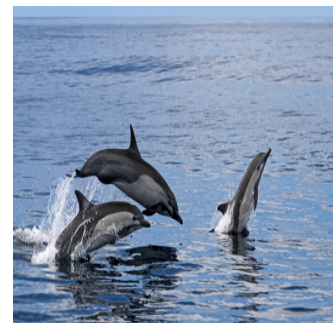
specialists to learn more about the poles.

Participate in furthering scientific research

with PONANT and let us discover together

what these fascinating destinations have yet

to reveal to us.



DAY 10: Marguerite Bay

The icebergs are each more majestic than

the next and scattered around the deep and

intense blue waters of Marguerite Bay, one

of the most beautiful regions in the

Antarctic. It is delimited in the north by the

mountainous Adelaide Island, in the south

by George VI Sound and Alexander Island,

and in the east by the Fallières Coast.

Charcot named it after his wife during his

second expedition to the Antarctic between

1908 and 1910. In 1909, in the southern

summer when the skies are at their clearest,

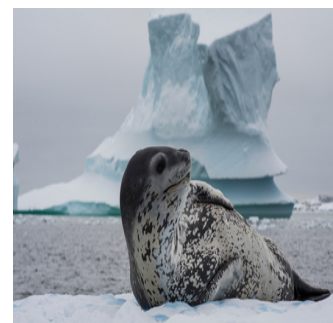
he led an important scientific mission to

map and study this region. The bay is home

to a number of cetaceans and you may get

the chance to observe leopard seals or

Adelie penguins.



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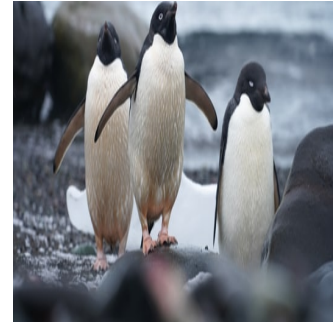
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Le Commandant Charcot will land on the coast of Pourquoi Pas Island, so named in the 1930s by Jean-Riccoen Peyronnie in honour of Jean-Baptiste Charcot, who discovered it from aboard his ship Le Pourquoi Pas during his second expedition to Antarctica between 1908 and 1910. This mountainous island, situated in the north of Marguerite Bay between Graham Land and Adelaide Island, is 28 km long and 14 km large. It is scattered with narrow fjords and snow-covered mountains. You will go to shore in a zodiac dinghy with your expedition team and you could get the chance to observe Adelle penguins going about their business on the island's rocky shores.



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location. On this day, the mythical Antarctic

Antarctic Circle, Antarctic Peninsula and

Peninsula still holds real fascination and

promises its visitors unforgettable moments.

Throughout your adventure in this icy

realm, you will find yourself in the heart of a

spectacular decor in subtle shades of blue

and white, surrounded by exceptional

wildlife. Penguins, humpback whales, seals

and giant petrels are at home here, as are

elephant seals, fur seals, Antarctic minke

whales, and orcas. Depending on which

sites you will be lucky enough to visit, you

may get the chance to observe them and

share with them the beauty of these

extreme parts. Each day, based on ice

conditions, the Captain and the Expedition

Leader will suggest zodiac outings or

landings to discover the infinite riches of

the Antarctic Peninsula. Glaciers, ice floe,

tabletop icebergs, mountain peaks that

plunge straight into the sea, volcanic

beaches, research stations, enchanting

bays, and vestiges of the whaling industry:

these are the faces of the Antarctic that will

likely reveal themselves to you, in a hushed

and surreal atmosphere. You will sail in the

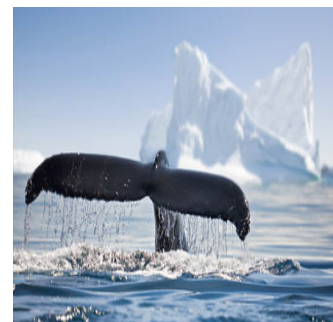
wake of Jean-Baptiste Charcot, Adrien de

Gerlache and Sir Ernest Shackleton, great

Antarctic explorers who, from the 19th

century, set out to conquer these remote

and uninhabited lands.



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located by tourists, researchers and

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Drake Passage. Situated at the latitude of

the infamous Furious Fifties winds, between

Cape Horn and the South Shetland Islands,

it is the shortest route to connect Antarctica

to South America. Seasoned navigators will

tell you that you must earn your visit to the

White Continent! As the Antarctic

convergence zone where cold currents

rising up from the South Pole meet warmer

equatorial water masses, Drake Passage

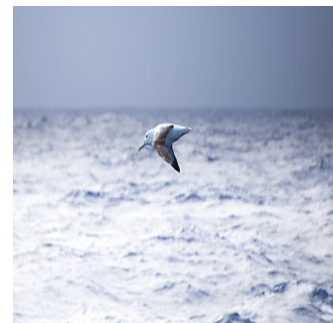
harbours a very diverse marine fauna. Don't

forget to look to the sky to catch a glimpse

of elegant albatross and Cape petrels,

playfully floating about in the wind around

your ship.



DAY 16: Disembark in Ushuaia & fly to

Santiago

Today, your expedition comes to an end. Bid

farewell to your fellow travelers before

arriving in Ushuaia. Disembarkation will

take place approximately 8:30am. You will

be taken to the airport for your included

flight back to Santiago.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Hotel & Cabin on board a ship

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INCLUSIONS

- Cabin accommodation whilst on board Le Commandant Charcot
- 1-night hotel accommodation the night in Santiago before embarkation
- Arrival Shuttle Transfer from Airport to Hotel in Santiago
- Group Transfer from Santiago Hotel to Airport on Day of Embarkation
- Return flights from Santiago to Ushuaia in economy class
- Group Arrival & Departure Transfers in Ushuaia
- All meals whilst on board
- Open bar (no premium brands)
- Mini bar in your stateroom (Champagne additional fee)
- All scheduled landings and excursions, conditions permitting
- Guiding and lectures by expedition team
- Complimentary Polar expedition jacket
- Free use of rubber boots for shore excursions
- All port taxes
- Comprehensive pre and post voyage informational material
- Free WIFI
- Kayaking Activities (limited places available)

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

- Airfares other than specified
- Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)
- Travel Insurance
- Personal expenses such as laundry
- Gratuities for the crew (recommend US\$15 per person per day)
- Optional Activities not mentioned in itinerary
- 2 (light adventure)
- Available upon request. A supplement surcharge may apply and is subject to availability. Please [contact us](#) for more information.
- Prices are based on per person, twin share.
- Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.
- Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.
- Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

Difficulty Rating

Single Surcharge

Notes

Price Dependent upon

Sustainability