

Antarctica - Spirit Of Antarctica | Sylvia Earle

Trip Code
ACAESOA
Departure



Introduction

Embrace the transformative spirit of Antarctica on this classic expedition to the last true untouched frontier. Begin by crossing the fabled Drake Passage as you search for hardy seabirds and approaching ice. Embrace the incredible sights of glaciers, frozen vistas and artistically sculpted icebergs as you bare witness to the incredible sights of Antarctica for the first time. Zodiac through the crystalized pack-ice, search for incredible wildlife and undertake a range of unforgettable adventure activities in one of the most remote regions on the planet.

Itinerary

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29/12/2026 - 10/03/2027

Duration

12 Days

Arrive in Ushuaia, where you will be met by

a representative and transferred with your

Antarctica, South Shetland Islands, Antarctic Peninsula and Ushuaia

follow expeditioners to your assigned pre

voyage hotel. If you are already in Ushuaia,

we ask you to make your way to your hotel.

Check-in is from 3.00 pm. This afternoon,

visit the hospitality desk in the hotel lobby,

between 3.00 pm and 7.00 pm, to collect

your luggage tags, and confirm if you wish

to join our Lake Escondido pre-embarkation

tour tomorrow. Our team will confirm

details regarding your embarkation day,

answer any questions and provide you with

information on where to dine or purchase

last minute items. Expeditioners arriving

after 7.00 pm will find a welcome pack

waiting for them at check-in. We ask you to

visit our hospitality desk tomorrow between

8.00 am - 8.45 am. The remainder of your

time is at leisure. All meals today are at

your own expense.



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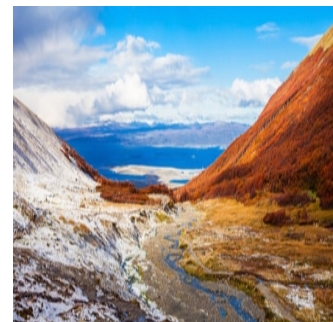
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Locations

Antarctic: South Shetland Islands, Antarctic Peninsula and Ushuaia

Please ensure your cabin luggage is fitted with cabin tags clearly labelled with your name and cabin number. Take your cabin luggage to hotel reception, prior to, or at check-out. Your luggage will be stored and transferred directly to the port for clearance, to be placed in your cabin ahead of your arrival on board. Please keep any valuables or personal items with you throughout the day. Those wishing to join a local tour today, please meet in the hotel lobby. Please note that the tour is weather dependant and may be replaced in the event of adverse weather conditions. Additional information, including specific times, will be provided at our hospitality desk upon arrival. After the tour, you will enjoy some free time before ship embarkation.

Alternatively, enjoy your day at leisure and meet at your hotel lobby or from the meeting point at the parking lot near the pier (details will be given by our ground staff at the hotel), to be transferred to the pier for embarkation. Once onboard, you'll have time to settle into your cabin before our important mandatory briefings. As the ship pulls away from port, we'll gather on the deck to commence our adventure with spectacular views over Ushuaia and Tierra del Fuego. This evening, get to know your fellow expeditioners and friendly expedition team and crew at a welcome dinner to celebrate the start of a thrilling adventure to Antarctica.



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Location, we make the most of our time

Antarctica, South Shetland Islands, Antarctic Peninsula and Ushuaia

Getting comfortable with the motions of the

sea. Our expedition team prepare you for

our first landing with important wildlife

guidelines and biosecurity procedures and

start our lecture program to help you learn

more about Antarctica's history, wildlife and

environment. Our wildlife experiences begin

as we enjoy watching and photographing

the many seabirds, including majestic

albatrosses and giant petrels following our

vessel. On sea days, you may can enjoy the

facilities on board the vessel including the

gym, wellness centre or the relaxing in one

of the observation lounges. Nearing the

South Shetland Islands and the tip of the

Antarctic Peninsula on the afternoon of day

four, the excitement is palpable with

everyone converging on one of the

observation decks watching for our first

iceberg. The ocean takes on a whole new

perspective once we are below the Antarctic

Convergence and are surrounded by the

surreal presence of floating ice sculptures.

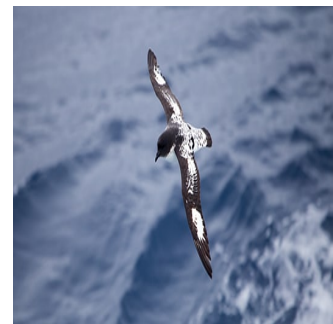
The memory of your first big iceberg

sighting is likely to remain with you for a

lifetime. Time and weather permitting, we

may attempt our first landing in Antarctica

by late afternoon.



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DAY 5 - Antarctic Peninsula - Day 5 to 9

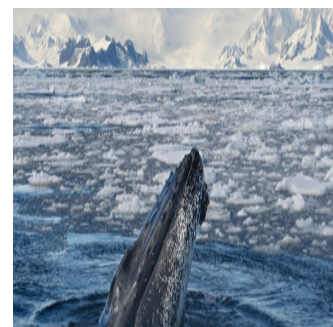
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It's almost impossible to describe the
locations of arriving in Antarctica. Spotting
Antarctica: South Shetland Islands, Antarctic Peninsula and Ushuaia
your first iceberg and taking a deep breath

of some of the most fresh, crisp air on earth
is an experience that will stay with you
forever. Once we arrive, the western side of
the Antarctic Peninsula and the South
Shetland Islands are ours to explore, and we
have a host of choices available to us.

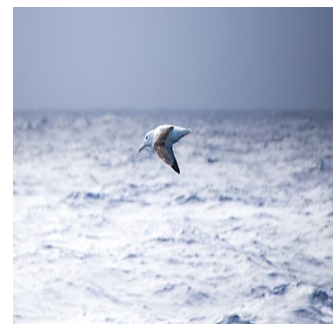
Because we are so far south, we will
experience approximately 18-24 hours of
daylight and the days can be as busy as you
wish. We generally make landings or Zodiac
excursions twice a day. You'll want to rug
up before joining Zodiac cruises along
spectacular ice cliffs or among grounded
icebergs, keeping watch for whales, seals
and porpoising penguins. Zodiacs will also
transport you from the ship to land, where
you can visit penguin rookeries, discover
historic huts and explore some of our
favourite spots along the peninsula. If you
have chosen an optional activity, you'll have
the option to do that whenever conditions
allow, and of course keen polar plungers
will have the chance to fully immerse
themselves in polar waters - conditions
permitting! In addition to Zodiac cruises
and shore excursions, we may ship cruise
some of the narrow, dramatic straits
separating offshore islands from the
mainland, or linger in scenic bays to watch
whales travelling or feeding. This is a great
time to enjoy the observation lounge or
make your way to the bridge for
uninterrupted views of Antarctica in all its
splendour. Keep an ear out for the creak
and deep rumble of glaciers as they carve
their way from summit to sea, and take a
quiet moment to experience the wonder of
this incredible white continent.



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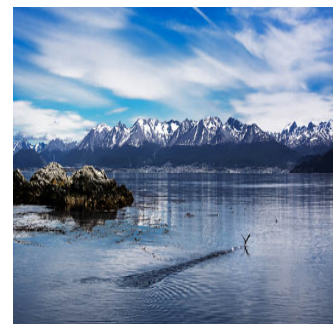
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 DAY 10: Drake Passage - Day 10 & 11
 Duration
 12 Days

Enjoy a final morning landing in the South Shetland Islands before we re-enter the Antarctica. South Shetland Islands, Antarctic Peninsula and Ushuaia Drake Passage for our return journey to South America. With lectures and film presentations to complete our Antarctic experience, there is still plenty of time to enjoy the magic of the Southern Ocean and the life that calls it home. There is time for reflection and discussion about what we have seen and experienced. We hope you become ambassadors for Antarctica telling your family, friends and colleagues about your journey to this magical place, advocating for its conservation and preservation so that they might one day visit the region to experience what you have been lucky to see and do here. As we approach the tip of South America, our Captain may sail close to legendary Cape Horn, weather and time permitting.



DAY 12: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

During the early morning, we cruise up the Beagle Channel, before quietly slipping into dock in Ushuaia, where we will be free to disembark around 8.00 am. Farewell your expedition team and fellow passengers as we all continue our onward journeys, hopefully with a newfound sense of the immense power of nature. A transfer to downtown Ushuaia before continuing to the airport is included in the cost of the voyage. NOTE: At the conclusion of the voyage, we do not recommend booking flights departing Ushuaia prior to 12.00 pm on the day of disembarkation in case there are delays. Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation Hotel & Cabin onboard a ship

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All airport transfers mentioned in the itinerary.
 One night's hotel accommodation including breakfast, in Ushuaia on Day 1.
 Half-day tour of Ushuaia on Day 2, prior to embarkation.
 Onboard accommodation during voyage, including daily cabin service.
 All meals, snacks, tea and coffee during voyage.
 Beer, house wine and soft drinks with dinner.
 Captain's Farewell reception including four-course dinner, house cocktails, house beer and wine, non-alcoholic beverages.
 All shore excursions and Zodiac cruises.
 Educational lectures and guiding services provided by Expedition Team.
 Complimentary access to onboard expedition doctor and medical clinic (initial consultation).
 One 3-in-1 waterproof, polar expedition jacket.
 Complimentary use of Muck Boots during the voyage.
 Comprehensive pre-departure information.
 Port surcharges, permits and landing fees.

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Inclusions

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International or domestic flights, unless specified
 Transfers not mentioned in the itinerary
 Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)
 Airport arrival or departure taxes
 Vaccination charges
 Travel insurance
 Hotels and meals not included in itinerary
 Optional excursions not included in the itinerary
 Optional activity surcharges
 All items of a personal nature, including but not limited to alcoholic beverages and soft drinks (outside of dinner service), gratuities, laundry services, personal clothing, medical expenses, wi-fi, email or phone charges.
Gratuities for ship's crew - (A \$15 USD per person per day gratuity for the crew is automatically added to your onboard account. It is at your discretion if you would like to remove the tip (or adjust the amount) when you settle your bill. It is not necessary to tip the expedition team members. This gratuity amount is included for suites as part of their 'Suite Benefits'.)

Difficulty Rating
Single Surcharge

2 (light adventure)
 Available upon request, contact us for more details.
 Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated for triple/quad cabins)

Notes

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

Price Dependent upon

Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

Sustainability