

## Antarctic Peninsula - Antarctica Basecamp | Plancius

Trip Code  
ACOWABT  
Departure



### Introduction

Experience an extended 13 day Antarctic Basecamp adventure. This voyage is perfect suited for adventurous clients, seeking a wide range of activities included in the price. Activities such as camping, snowshoeing, mountaineering, kayaking, and photo workshops are included for all guests on board this expedition.

Experience the serene and isolated landscapes of the frozen white continent as you zodiac into secluded shores, kayak on frozen crackling waters. Entering Antarctica is like no experience on Earth.

**PLEASE NOTE:** During our 'Basecamp' departures all offered activities (including camping, kayaking, hiking, mountaineering, photo workshops) are free of charge.

### Itinerary

#### DAY 1: Embarkation in Ushuaia

Your voyage begins where the world drops off. Ushuaia, Argentina, reputed to be the southernmost city on the planet, is located on the far southern tip of South America. Starting in the afternoon, you embark from this small resort town on Tierra del Fuego, nicknamed "The End of the World," and sail the mountain-fringed Beagle Channel for the remainder of the evening.



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Over the next two days on the Drake

Passage, you enjoy some of the same

Antarctic Peninsula

Antarctic Peninsula encountered by the great polar

explorers who first charted these regions:

cool salt breezes, rolling seas, maybe even a

fin whale spouting up sea spray. After

passing the Antarctic Convergence -

Antarctica's natural boundary, formed when

north-flowing cold waters collide with

warmer sub-Antarctic seas - you are in the

circum-Antarctic upwelling zone. Not only

does the marine life change, the avian life

changes too. Wandering albatrosses, grey-

headed albatrosses, black-browed

albatrosses, light-mantled sooty albatrosses,

cape pigeons, southern fulmars, Wilson's

storm petrels, blue petrels, and Antarctic

petrels are a few of the birds you might see.



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Locations

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Melchior Islands and Schollaert Channel, sailing between Brabant and Anvers Islands.

Places you might visit includes: Neumayer Channel - The vessel may position itself here, launching its multiple basecamp activities from the protected waters around Wiencke Island. You can enjoy the splendors of this alpine environment at sea with Zodiac and kayaking trips, or if you're in the mood for a walk, there are possible snowshoe hikes and soft-climb mountaineering options farther inland.

Naturally, favorable weather conditions determine the possible activities. Port Lockroy - After sailing through the

Neumayer Channel, you may get a chance to visit the former British research station - now a museum and post office - of Port

Lockroy on Goudier Island. You may also be able to partake in activities around Jougla

Point, meeting gentoo penguins and blue-eyed shags. There are great opportunities

also for kayaking and camping here, and when conditions are right, you can even

snowshoe around the shore. Pléneau & Petermann Islands - If the ice allows it, you

can sail through the Lemaire Channel in search of Adélie penguins and blue-eyed

shags. There's also a good chance you'll encounter humpback and minke whales

here, as well as leopard seals. Kayaking, glacier walks, and more ambitious

mountaineering trips are the potential activities of this location. Neko Harbour -

An epic landscape of mammoth glaciers and endless wind-carved snow, Neko Harbour

offers opportunities for a Zodiac cruise and landing that afford the closest views of the

surrounding alpine peaks. Paradise Bay - You have the chance to make camp here like

a true polar explorer (but with a better tent), enjoying a supreme overnight

Antarctic adventure. Errera Channel - Possible sites in this area include Danco

Island and Cuverville Island, but also the lesser known (though equally picturesque)

Orne Island and Georges Point on Rongé Island. On your last day of near-shore

activities, you pass the Melchior Islands toward the open sea. Keep a sharp lookout

for humpback whales in Dallmann Bay. You might also shoot for Half Moon Island, in

the South Shetlands, with further chances for activities. Conditions on the Drake

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DAY 11: Return along The Drake - Day 11 &

13 Days

Locations

Antarctic Peninsula

After returning to the sea from lonely. While crossing the Drake, you're again greeted by the vast array of seabirds remembered from the passage south. But they seem a little more familiar to you now, and you to them.



DAY 13: Disembarkation in Ushuaia

Every adventure, no matter how grand, must eventually come to an end. It's now time to disembark in Ushuaia, but with memories that will accompany you wherever your next adventure lies.



### Inclusions & Details

Accommodation      Cabin on board a ship

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**INCLUSIONS**

Cabin Accommodation on board MV Plancius  
All meals throughout the voyage aboard the ship including snacks, coffee and tea  
All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by Zodiac  
Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff  
Free use of rubber boots and snowshoes  
Group departure transfers in Ushuaia (directly after disembarkation)  
All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the programme  
Comprehensive pre-departure material  
During our 'Basecamp' departures all offered activities (including camping, kayaking, hiking, mountaineering, photo workshops) are free of charge  
Access to 1.5 GB of free internet connectivity per person, which resets every 24 hours.  
Supplementary vouchers available to purchase on onboard. Subject to satellite coverage

Inclusions

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Airfares to/from disembarkation city  
Visa & passport fees (if applicable)  
Travel insurance  
Beverages (other than tea & coffee)  
Meals ashore  
Personal expenses such as laundry & bar  
Gratuities for the crew (guidelines will be provided)  
Pre and post land arrangements  
Government arrival or departure taxes (if applicable)  
Additional optional activities

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge

Available upon request. Please contact us for more details. No single supplement will apply if willing to share in selected cabins.

Prices are based on per person, and may be based on quad/triple/twin share.  
Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.

Notes

Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.  
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Price Dependent upon

Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality & Availability.

Sustainability