

Antarctica - Antarctica

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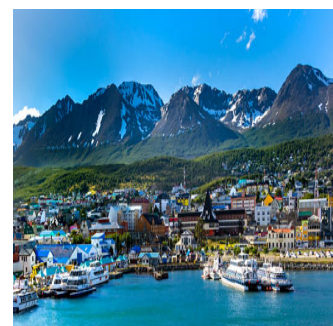
Introduction

This Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands cruise delivers you into a landscape of dark rugged rock, pure white snow, and a fantastic variety of wildlife. Come say hello to whales, seals, and thousands of penguins.

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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~~DAY 2: Crossing The Drake - Day 2 & 3~~

Duration

11 Days
Over the next two days on the Drake

Passage, you enjoy some of the same

Antarctic Peninsula experiences 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-

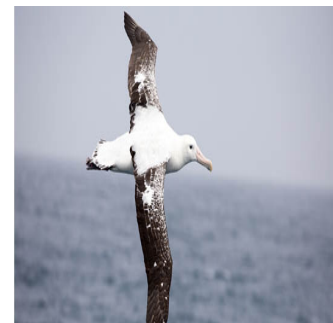
headed albatrosses, black-browed

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.



DAY 4: Antarctica - Day 4 to 7

Gray stone peaks sketched with snow,

towers of broken blue-white ice, and

dramatically different wildlife below and

above. You first pass the snow-capped

Melchior Islands and Schollaert Channel,

sailing between Brabant and Anvers Islands.

Sites you may visit include: Danco Island -

Activities here may focus on the gentoo

penguins nesting on the island, in addition

to the Weddell and crabeater seals that can

be found nearby. 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 may be able to take a Zodiac cruise in

these sprawling, ice-flecked waters, where

there's a good chance you'll encounter

humpback and minke whales.



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The volcanic islands of the South Shetlands

are windswept and often cloaked in mist,

but they do offer subtle pleasures: There's a

wide variety of flora (mosses, lichens,

flowering grasses) and no small amount of

fauna (gentoo penguins, chinstrap penguins,

southern giant petrels). In Deception Island,

the ship plunges through Neptune's Bellows

and into the flooded caldera. Here you find

hot springs, an abandoned whaling station,

and thousands of cape petrels - along with

kelp gulls, brown and south polar skuas,

and Antarctic terns. A good hike is a

possibility in this fascinating and desolate

volcanic landscape. As an alternative, you

may be able to engage in activities near

Half Moon Island. Here chinstrap penguins

and Weddell seals often haul out onto the

beach near Cámara Base, an Argentine

scientific research station. Conditions on

the Drake Passage determine the exact time

of departure.



DAY 9: At Sea - Drake Passage - Day 9 & 10

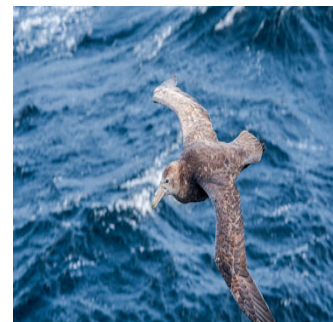
Your return voyage is far from lonely. While

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 11: 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.



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Accommodation

Cabin on board a ship

Locations

INCLUSIONS

Antarctic Peninsula

Cabin Accommodation on board MV Hondius

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

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

EXCLUSIONS

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

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

Prices are based on per person, and may be based on quad/triple/twin share.

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 & Availability.

Sustainability