

Antarctica - Antarctica Basecamp | Hondius

Trip Code
ACOWABH
Departure



Introduction

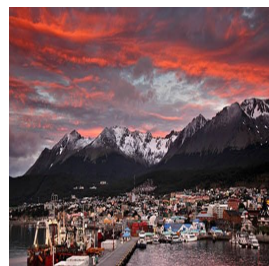
The Antarctic Peninsula Basecamp cruise offers you a myriad of ways to explore and enjoy the Antarctic Region. This expedition allows you to hike, snowshoe, kayak, go mountaineering, and even camp out under the Southern Polar skies. On board the Hondius you will undertake an incredible polar adventure to one of the most remote places 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

Antarctic Peninsula

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 Passage determine the exact time of

departure.



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DAY 11: Return along The Drake - Day 11 &

13 Days

Locations

Antarctic Peninsula
 After returning 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 Ship

INCLUSIONS

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

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

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

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Duration	Available upon request. Please contact us for more details. No single supplement will apply if
Single Surcharge	willing to share in selected cabins.
13 Days	
Locations	Prices are based on per person, and may be based on quad/triple/twin share.
Antarctic Peninsula	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. During our 'Basecamp' departures all offered activities (including camping, kayaking, hiking, mountaineering, photo workshops) are free of charge
Price Dependent upon	Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality & Availability.
Sustainability	