

## Antarctica - Antarctica Classic | MS Expedition

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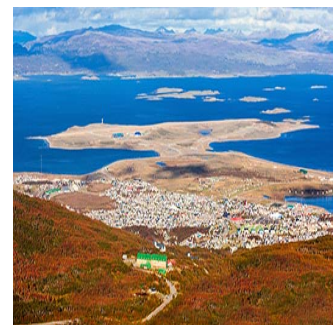
### Introduction

A true adventure to the world's most remote wilderness, a world of immense scale and visual splendour! Vivid emerald, violet tints, intense blue and crimson light â the Antarctic Peninsula is anything but a world of white desolation. Our 11-day Antarctica Classic expedition introduces you to the magic of the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula, home to some of the planet's most impressive wildlife and most dramatic landscapes. Encounter whales, huge icebergs, enormous rookeries of penguins and stunning landscapes that few have ever witnessed. Throughout the voyage, our team of lecturers and guides will share their knowledge of the region's remarkable natural history.

### Itinerary

#### DAY 1: Arrive in Ushuaia

Arrive in Ushuaia at any time. Arrival transfer is included. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the world's most southerly city. There will be a welcome desk in the lobby of the hotel that will provide more specific information on the expedition and your upcoming adventure. Please note that the first night in Ushuaia is on twin share basis. If you're travelling solo or have an odd number of travellers in your group and have not purchased a private room, you will be paired with another solo traveller of the same gender.



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Enjoy a free morning in Ushuaia, to do any

last-minute shopping, explore the town, or

visit the surrounding countryside.

Embarkation on the MS Expedition begins in the afternoon at the port in Ushuaia. You and your fellow passengers will take the group transfer to port to begin your journey.

Once onboard, enjoy the evening sailing through the Beagle Channel. Your

Expedition Leader will give you an

expedition overview outlining what the

specific plans are for your trip. \*\*

Expedition travel can be full of surprises!

While it is our intention of adhere to the itinerary described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary

and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations.



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Locations

Our adventure begins with an 1000km (800

mile) crossing of the passage that bears the

name of the 16th century English explorer

Sir Francis Drake. Take in daily lectures

from the expedition team and keep an eye

out for the first sightings of icebergs,

whales and albatross following in the MS

Expedition's wake. The M/S Expedition is at

home in this part of the Southern Ocean,

known for the unimpeded fetch of the winds

that encircle the Antarctic. On the second

day we cross the Antarctic Convergence, a

meeting of cold polar water flowing north

and warmer equatorial water moving in the

opposite direction. This mixing pushes

nutrient rich waters to the surface

attracting a variety of seabirds, whales and

other species. As we make the passage you

have time to become acquainted with the

ship and frequent the common areas that

include the lounge, dining hall, library and

lecture hall where you meet your guides,

ship's crew and expedition staff. We also

begin the lecture and information sessions

to learn the extraordinary human and

natural history of the Antarctic region.



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Locations that we've all been waiting for - a

chance to step foot on the Great White

Continent to experience some of the most

unique wildlife viewing and inspiring

scenery in the world! Over the next four

days we will navigate southwards making

stops in the South Shetland Islands then

through the Bransfield Strait and on to the

Antarctic Peninsula. Our goal is to attempt

two excursions per day while we navigate

through the area but our itinerary and daily

schedule will be based on the local weather

and ice conditions that we encounter.

During the voyage, learn about the

Peninsula's remarkable history and

encounter gentoo, chinstrap and Adélie

penguin rookeries, Weddell, crabeater and

leopard seals as well as orca, humpback and

minke whales in the cold Antarctic waters.



DAY 9: Return through the Drake Passage -

Day 9 & 10

Begin the journey north to the home port of

Ushuaia. Review the highlights of the

Antarctic experience with the lecturers and

staff. Keep sharp eyes on the observation

deck for some last-minute whale sightings.

Leave Antarctica and head north across the

Drake Passage. In between bird watching

and whale watching and enjoying some final

lectures by the expedition staff, this is a

chance to relax and review the adventures

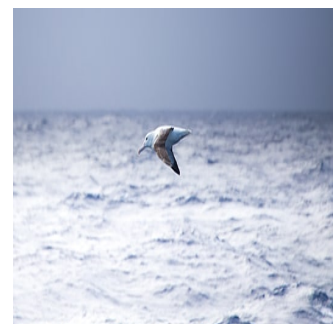
of the past week before returning to

Ushuaia. Remember, the best way to

experience the wildlife of the Drake Passage

is to be on deck keeping a look out for

Albatross, Prions, and Whales!.



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Disembark after breakfast. In the morning  
upon completion you will disembarkation in  
Antarctic Peninsula

Ushuaia. Passengers will receive a

complimentary transfer to either the airport

or a central location where luggage can be

stored. For those on morning flights, a

transfer will bring them directly to Ushuaia

airport (USH). The rest of the passengers

will be transferred to the luggage storage

point and given time to explore the city.

These passengers should then return to

retrieve their luggage and board a second

transfer to Ushuaia airport in the afternoon,

depending on their flight times. Please note

that the transfer times are subject to

change according to flight schedules.

\*Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to

change depending on weather conditions,

ice conditions and other factors. \*\*

Important - Please be sure not to book

flights out of Ushuaia before 12PM (Noon)

on the day of disembarkation from your

cruise ship.



### Inclusions & Details

Accommodation      Hotel & Cabin on board a ship

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### INCLUSIONS

Accommodation on board during your voyage  
 Pre night accommodation in Ushuaia hotel on twin share basis  
 Group arrival and departure transfers in Ushuaia  
 All Zodiac excursions, as per itinerary, guided by our Expedition Team  
 English-speaking expedition team  
 Expedition parka to keep  
 Rubber boots on loan (USA sizes 4 - 16)  
 Briefings and lectures by our Expedition Leader and Team  
 English-speaking Expedition Team  
 All meals whilst on board  
 Free tea and coffee available 24 hours  
 Taxes and landing fees

Inclusions

### EXCLUSIONS

International or internal flights  
 Extra excursions and optional activities not mentioned in the itinerary  
 Single room supplements  
 Meals not on board the ship  
 Beverages (other than coffee and tea)  
 Tips for the crew (we recommend USD 15 per person per day)  
 Personal expenses such as laundry, bar and onboard communication  
 Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac landings and excursions  
 Travel and medical insurance (compulsory)  
 Pre or post cruise travel expenses  
 Visa (if applicable) and passport fees  
 Fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings  
 Anything not mentioned under 'Inclusions'

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge

Willing to share available for no additional cost (Category 1, 2 and 3 cabins only). Surcharge applies for solo use cabin, contact us for pricing. Subject to availability.  
 Prices are based on per person, and may be based off triple/ or twin share cabins\* (please contact us for more details)

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

Chimu Adventures is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

A trip to the Antarctic is a completely different experience and quite unlike any other trip you have probably been on. We use a highly regulated, licensed vessel which is well equipped to operate in this vulnerable ecosystem. We are fully compliant with all rules set down by the IAATO and all activities are governed by the Antarctic Treaty System. We carefully select all ships we work with and choose them for their small size as this creates far less impact on shore landings with wildlife. We view the voyage to the Antarctic as an expedition, not a sightseeing trip. Smaller boats such as ours can navigate narrow waterways and are far less polluting than the larger ships in Antarctic

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By carrying less passengers, we have far less waste, and all waste is carried back to the home port to allow for environmentally conscious waste management and disposal, unlike some of the larger ships which do not facilitate this. This trip begins in Ushuaia where you will have time to sample local food and shop at local boutiques which we encourage individuals to take part in for experience and in support of the local community. We discourage the buying of souvenirs made from endangered species or wrongfully taken from the environment i.e. shells. Our pre-departure pack provides you with all the information required for your tour, from what to take with you to practical advice about how to minimise your impact on the Antarctic environment. This pack highlights initiatives such as waste reduction, and how to appropriately engage with wildlife and the environment around you.

For more information visit our [sustainability page](#).