

## **Antarctica** - Chilean Fjords & Antarctica | Pursuit

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### Introduction

Explore the fjords of Chile and Patagonia and continue onto the White Continent, Antarctica. You will board the premium expedition vessel, Seabourn Pursuit in San Antonio, the port that services Santiago, the capital of Chile.

This 264 passenger ship is built for expedition, with a PC6 Polar Ice Class, but also offers all of the creature comforts you could want or need. All 132 cabins are equipped with a balcony and have a living area. Onboard you can enjoy a range of facilities including a pool, bars, 5 dining venues, sauna, fitness centre and spa. With luxury interiors and custom art work you will be sailing in style. The ship is also equipped with two custom built submarines. Underwater excursions and kayaking are available to pre-book at an additional cost on selected departures.

You will sail down the Chilean coast, exploring fjords, channels and sounds. Enjoy scenic cruising and zodiac excursions. You will see volcanic mountains and glaciers, marvel at the Southern Patagonia Ice Sheet, which extends over 370kms. Continue from Punta Arenas, leaving South America behind towards the Antarctic peninsula. You will spend several days here, cruising through pack ice and ice floes. Enjoy expedition cruising and landings, spotting whales, penguins and seals. Look out for seabirds and see a vast range of wildlife and some of the most pristine wilderness in the world.

### Itinerary

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DAY 1: Arrive Santiago de Chile

Duration

19 Days

Upon arriving in Santiago de Chile, embark on the cruise ship. Santiago, embraced by Patagonia, Chile, Argentina & Antarctica

The Andes, and the Coastal Range, exudes

Spanish colonial charm. Prepare for an

unforgettable journey as you cruise through the Chilean fjord region en route to

Antarctica! \*Please note: Cruise itinerary is

subject to change depending on weather

conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



DAY 2: At Sea

Make the most of this day at sea by acquainting yourself with fellow travelers and the dedicated crew members. Delight in the ship's amenities as you prepare for the adventure of a lifetime.



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DAY 3 - Scenic Cruising Reloncavi Sound

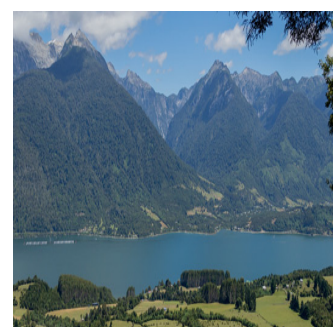
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Locations

Patagonia; Chile; Argentina & Antarctica

Large bay identified as Reloncavi Sound. To the east looms Mt. Yate, a snowcapped, glaciated stratovolcano, and beyond that the cordillera of the Andes. The sound is punctuated by islands, the three largest being Tengio, Maillén and Huar. Two much larger islands, Puluqui and Queulín, sprawl across the mouth of the sound, separating it from the Gulf of Ancud. The point where the Reloncavi Estuary empties into the sound is effectively where the Chilean Central Valley meets the Pacific Ocean. Salmon farms dimple the coves of the sound, and pods of orcas are sometimes seen. Near the sound on shore, Chile's Alerce Andino National Park protects a vestigial forest of ancient alerce trees, similar to the huge sequoias found in North America. Puerto Montt sits beneath a skyline of snow-capped volcanoes. Volcan Osorno towering 2,652-meter (8,701') above the town, erupted in 1835 and was described by naturalist Charles Darwin. The town sits at the gateway to a myriad of outdoor adventures including an exhilarating white-water rafting trip, tranquil fly fishing and scenic hiking in Alerce Andino National Park.



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DAY 4 - Scenic Cruising: Moraleda & Darwin

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The Moraleda Channel is a protected waterway running along the coast of Chile from the Gulf of Corcovado in the north to the Laguna San Rafael in the south. It separates the myriad mountainous islands of the Chonos Archipelago from the Chilean mainland. Like the Inside Passage on the Pacific coast of North America, the Moraleda Channel is a geological feature. Its course follows the geologic Liguñe-Ofqui Fault on the eastern side of the islands, which are actually the peaks of the submerged Chilean Coastal Range. The Darwin Channel cuts through the elongated, mountainous islands of the Chonos Archipelago in Southern Chile, connecting the Pacific Ocean on the west with the Moraleda Channel running along the Chilean mainland. These forested islands, mostly uninhabited, are actually the peaks of the submerged Chilean Coastal Range. Darwin Channel is a westward continuation of the Aysén Fjord, connecting to the Pacific at Isquiliac Island, and opening at its eastern end into Darwin Bay. Being free of navigational hazards, it forms a preferred, scenic pathway for ships navigating in the area.



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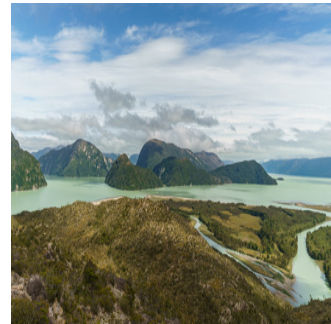
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The Baker Channel is a large, multi-armed fjord that cuts from Fagnano Bay in the Gulf of

Penas some 75 miles into the Chilean mainland. It lies roughly halfway between the Northern and Southern Patagonian Ice Fields, and its southern arm culminates at the face of the Jorge Montt Glacier, which flows from the Southern ice field and frequently calves icebergs into the channel. The channel forms the northern boundary of Chile's vast Bernardo O'Higgins National Park. Entering into the Gulf of Penas, to the southeast lies the 6 kilometer (2.5 mile) wide opening of Baker Channel. Sailing 120 kilometers (80 miles) into the southern margins of the Andes we are now surrounded on all sides by snow-capped peaks. The Southern Patagonian Ice Sheet, extends 370 kilometers (230 miles) to the south. At its northernmost edge, a large glacial tongue descends from the heights above. Entering the ocean in cliffs of ice, the Jorge Montt Glacier, is over 1,400 meters (4,700') wide.



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DAY 6 - Eyre Fjord & Pio XI Glacier

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Eyre Fjord penetrates the mainland of

Location Chile from the Icy Channel about

20 miles to the broad face of the massive

Pio XI glacier, also known as the Brügger

Glacier. It is the longest glacier in the

Southern Hemisphere outside Antarctica,

flowing some 40 miles from the Southern

Patagonian Ice Field to the fjord. It is also

one of the very few advancing glaciers on

earth. The glacier face is located near a

large eastern arm of Eyre Fjord called

Exmouth Fjord. At the head of scenic Eyre

Fjord is situated the longest glacier in the

southern hemisphere outside of Antarctica.

The monumental ice-mass of the Brügger

Glacier fills the fjord to a width of 4.5

kilometers (3 miles) and covers an area of

1,265 square kilometers (488 square miles).

Colossal ice cliffs rise to a height 75 meters

(246') and are cut by deep-blue crevasses,

and free-standing ice pillars known as

seracs. Some 66 kilometers (41 miles)

upstream of where it meets the ocean, the

Brügger Glacier merges with the ice of the

Southern Patagonian Ice Field. Unlike other

glaciers worldwide, it advanced significantly

from 1945 to 1976 adding nearly 60 square

kilometers (23 square miles) to its toe.

Located deep within the boundaries of

Bernardo O'Higgins National Park, it was

named after the German-Chilean geologist

Juan Brügger Messtorff. Bernardo

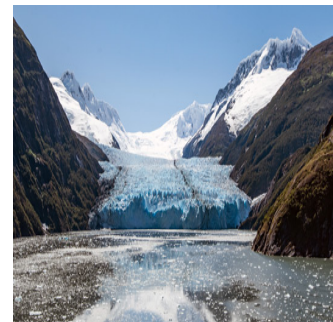
O'Higgins National Park is one of the last

refuges for the small Chilean deer known as

a huemul and species such as the Andean

condor and marine otter may also be found

here.



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DAY 7 - Peel Fjord & Brujo Glacier

Duration

10 Days

Cutting eastward from the Sarmiento

Channel in Southern Chile, this fjord divides

Patagonia, Chile, Argentina, & Antarctica

into three separate fjords, called Amalia

Asia and Calvo Fjords. Amalia leads to

Amalia Glacier, the El Brujo Glacier is in

Asia Fjord, and Calvo boasts several small

glaciers of its own. The mainland to the east

is all part of the huge Torres del Paine

National Park. The area is a fascinating

geological panorama, and your expedition

team members will be available to interpret

the sights, as well as identify wildlife

spotted while cruising the scenic

waterways. Entering Peel Fjord from the

Sarmiento Channel in southern Chile, your

ship veers into the branch called Asia Fjord.

As you cruise deeper into the fjord, the

water's surface is dappled with floating

'bergie bits' of ice, and occasional larger

growlers. Meanwhile the steep slopes on

either side are tinselled with lacy waterfalls

flowing from the snow-frosted peaks above.

Ahead, two ochre slopes cradle a glowing

blue-white face of cracked and fissured ice

two kilometers across and hundreds of feet

high, spilling with geologic slowness from

the South Patagonian Ice Field far up the

valley. Occasionally a huge shard of ice falls

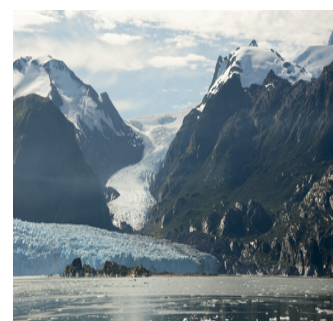
silently into the sea, followed seconds later

by the delayed sound of its crack and

thunder. You are in the midst of Chile's

Bernardo O'Higgins National Park, the

nation's largest protected region.



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DAY 8 - Strait of Magellan

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The Strait of Magellan is a 350-mile/570 km

Location separating the mainland of South

Patagonia, Chile, Argentina & Antarctica

America from the large Isla Grande de

Tierra del Fuego and connecting the

Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. It was first

navigated by the explorer Ferdinand

Magellan during his circumnavigation

voyage in 1520. He named it the Strait of All

Saints, because his transit started on

November 1, All Saints Day. It was also

Magellan who name the southern island

Tierra del Fuego, after seeing the smokes

from fires in the camps of the native Yahgan

people, whom he named the Patagones,

meaning "big feet," and their land

Patagonia. The strait is between two and 20

miles wide, and earned the nickname

Dragon's Tail among sailors, for its tortuous

path. Along with the Beagle Channel, it was

one of two protected channels for sailing

between the oceans prior to the

construction of the Panama Canal The third

alternative was the notoriously turbulent

open ocean Drake Passage beyond Cape

Horn. There is one sizeable port city in the

strait, Punta Arenas, Chile, which has an

interesting harbor breakwater consisting of

two ship hulks, the Cavenga and an old iron

four-mast sailing ship, the County of

Peebles. There are several Chilean national

parks and monuments in the strait,

including Los Pingüinos National Monument

and a sanctuary for protecting humpback

whales. Southern right whales are also

known to frequent the strait's waters. There

are 41 light signals in the strait, including

the San Isidro Lighthouse that has been

restored and is now a museum, and the

Evangelistas Lighthouse at the western

entrance. The strait was very difficult for

sailing ships, due to unpredictable winds

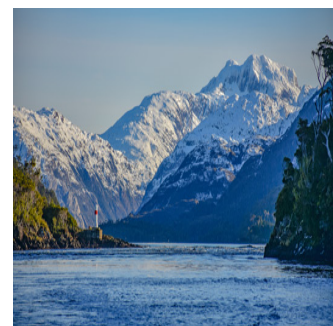
and tidal currents. Depending on tide

conditions, even modern ships often opt for

one of the alternative routes, because the

tidal speeds are greatly exaggerated by the

Venturi effect through narrows.



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DAY 9 - Punta Arenas

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Punta Arenas is the most important port and

commercial center for the immense

Patagonian agricultural area of Chile. The

economy revolves around the sheep raised

on the expansive pampas. Located on the

Strait of Magellan separating the mainland

from the island of Tierra del Fuego, the city

proclaims itself the southernmost city in the

world. Its colonial history may be explored

in the splendid Plaza de Armas, in the

magnificent tombs of the Pioneer Cemetery

and the opulent Braun-Menendez Mansion.

The heritage of Ferdinand Magellan's

exploration can be recaptured at the Nao

Victoria ship museum. Fort Bulnes national

monument memorializes the earliest

colonial period, while the offshore Los

Pinguinos Natural Monument preserves the

thriving seabird and sea lion colonies

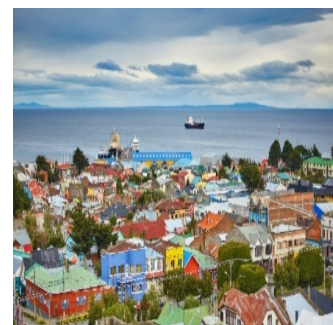
around Magdalena Island. This is also the

port from which a full-day flight excursion

takes visitors to the majestic peaks and

picturesque lakes and wildlife of the Torres

del Paine National Park.



DAY 10: Crossing the Drake passage - Day  
10 & 11

Embark on the thrilling Drake Passage,  
where the Pacific, Atlantic, and Southern  
oceans converge, creating an adventure like  
no other. Our skilled onboard staff and  
expedition team ensure your well-being,  
providing ample opportunities to marvel at  
the vast ocean expanse. Capture stunning  
moments as seabirds gracefully dance  
around the ship, and forge connections with  
both the Expedition Team and fellow  
travelers. This unique journey promises not  
only excitement in navigating the passage  
but also the chance to immerse yourself in  
the beauty of the open sea.



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Antarctica based on weather & ice conditions,

and reported wildlife distribution during the

expedition. This adaptable approach

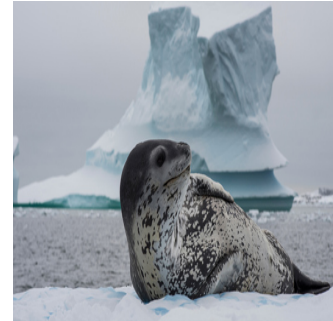
guarantees that you can maximize the

benefits of favorable conditions, enriching

your experience as you uncover the awe-

inspiring landscapes and distinctive wildlife

of this pristine continent.



### DAY 17: At Sea - Day 17 & 18

During the return across the Drake Passage,

seize a last opportunity to appreciate the

refreshing Southern Ocean air. Utilize time

on deck to observe seabirds and search for

whales, partake in informative

presentations by your Expedition Team, and

commemorate the unique experiences

shared while exploring the remarkable

world of Antarctica.



### DAY 19: Disembarkation

After an exhilarating cruise amidst the

Chilean fjords and the pristine surroundings

of Antarctica, disembark in Ushuaia and

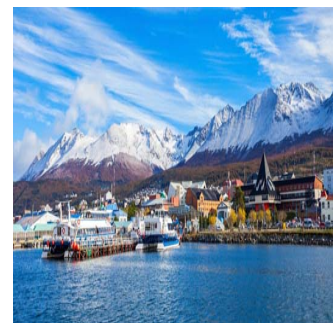
proceed to the airport for your return flight

to Buenos Aires. Please note: Cruise

itinerary is subject to change depending on

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### Inclusions & Details

Accommodation Cabin Onboard a Ship

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### INCLUSIONS

Accommodation onboard the Pursuit in booked cabin category  
Group transfers to/from the airport and to/from the ship\* (subject to date/time restrictions\*)  
Charter flight from Ushuaia return in economy class  
All meals onboard the ship including snacks and 24/7 in room dining  
Complimentary spirits and wine available on board at all times - full open bar including premium beverages & in room minibar  
Inspiring enrichment program and special guest speakers on board  
All applicable shore excursions and zodiac cruising (except paid adventure options with cost)  
Digital photography workshops  
Complimentary expedition-grade parka and day pack  
All port taxes & landing fees

Inclusions

### EXCLUSIONS

International or internal flights unless specified  
Airport transfers, taxes and excess baggage charges unless specified  
Meals other than those specified in the pre-departure information  
Pre or post cruise travel expenses  
Visa (if applicable) and passport fees  
Travel insurance (compulsory)  
Fuel surcharge may be applied to all bookings  
Paid adventure options and all personal expenses  
Miscellaneous extras  
Laundry and communication charges on board  
Tipping onboard (optional) - We recommend \$15USD per person per day  
2 (light adventure)  
Available on request. A Single Supplement may be applied. Subject to availability. Please note 'willing to share' option is not available. [Contact Us](#) for more details.  
Prices are based on per person, twin share\*  
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  
Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

Difficulty Rating

Single Surcharge

Notes

Price Dependent upon

Sustainability