

## Antarctica - Antarctica

Trip Code

ACOWWSEB

Departure



### Introduction

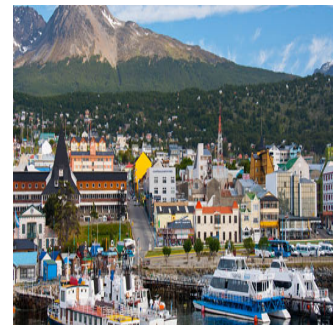
Set out on a varied experience in the wildlife-rich Weddell Sea of Antarctica with the Weddell Sea Explorer Basecamp cruise. Take advantage of the included activities such as hiking, snowshoeing, kayaking, mountaineering, and camping under the Southern Polar sky. See enormous tabular icebergs, striking scenery, and important historical places. Look out for iconic animals, such as penguins, seabirds, seals, and whales. Possible visits include the Antarctic Sound, also referred to as "Iceberg Alley," Brown Bluff for breathtaking scenery, Herbert Sound's visually striking sections, Devil Island's expansive views, Erebus and Terror Gulf's provide new opportunities and where we will experience the wilderness of Antarctica in its most remote places.

**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

Our 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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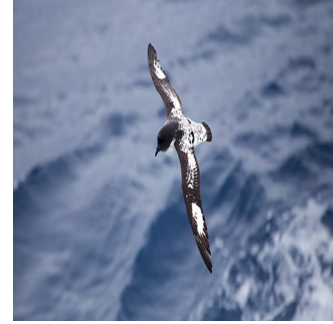
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Duration

13 Days

Locations

Over the next two days on the Drake Antarctic Peninsula Passage, we enjoy some of the same experiences encountered by the great polar explorers who first charted these regions: cool salt breezes, rolling seas, maybe even a fin whale spouting 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 petrels, southern fulmars, Wilson's storm petrels, blue petrels, and Antarctic petrels are a few of the birds you might see.



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DAY 4: Weddell Sea - Days 4 to 10

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In the coming days, we will be exploring the

Weddell Sea, a region celebrated for its

awe-inspiring landscapes, towering

icebergs, and intriguing historical sites. As

we venture forth, we'll have the opportunity

to witness some of Antarctica's most iconic

wildlife, including whales, seals, and

seabirds. Our voyage may lead us to several

remarkable destinations - depending on

local conditions- we might explore the

Antarctic Sound, affectionately dubbed

"Iceberg Alley," where colossal tabular

icebergs drift majestically in the frigid

waters. Then, we could journey to Brown

Bluff, renowned for its sheer canyon walls,

volcanic formations, and stunning vistas.

Continuing our adventure, we might

navigate through Herbert Sound, marveling

at the breathtaking scenery of Naze

Peninsula and Comb Ridge. We may also set

foot on Devil Island, where rugged

landscapes and sweeping panoramas await

intrepid explorers. Lastly, we might venture

into Erebus and Terror Gulf, immersing

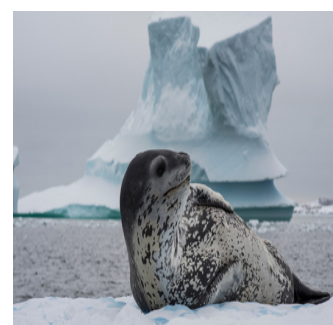
ourselves in the pristine wilderness of

Antarctica's remote corners. Along the way,

we'll soak in the untouched beauty of Vega

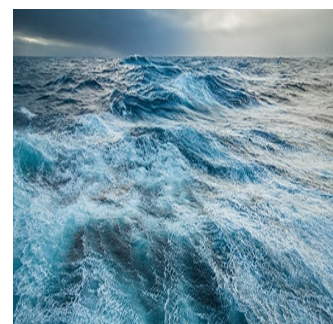
Island and embrace the serenity of this

remote, icy realm.



DAY 11: Crossing the Drake Passage - Days  
11 & 12

Our return voyage is far from lonely. While crossing the Drake, we're again greeted by the vast array of seabirds remembered from the passage south. But they seem a little more familiar to us now, and us to them.



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15/02/2028 Disembark in Ushuaia

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Even great adventures must eventually

come to an end. It's now time to disembark

Antarctica with memories that will

accompany you wherever your next journey

lies. Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject

to change depending on weather conditions,

ice conditions and other factors.



### Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Cabin on board a ship

#### **INCLUSIONS**

Cabin Accommodation on board MV Ortelius

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

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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

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.

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Sustainability

Locations

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

