

Antarctica - Antarctica by Helicopter: Icebergs, Mountains & Remote Lands | Ultramarine

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Introduction

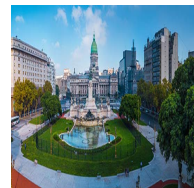
Venture beyond the typical and explore Antarctica's seldom-visited east coast on this innovative 12-day itinerary with special sightseeing by helicopter.

Icebergs, mountains and remote lands are the highlights of this itinerary which maximizes your opportunities to explore the interior of the magical 7th Continent, as well as Erebus and Terror Gulf, Antarctic Sound, and the vast Weddell Sea. It offers helicopter adventures that no one else can. Expect unparalleled vistas that you could never have imagined: carved icebergs rising out of the ocean's depths, and snow-capped peaks that entice you to reach out and touch as you soar by.

Itinerary

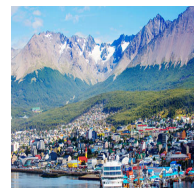
DAY 1: Arrive in Buenos Aires

Upon arriving in this cosmopolitan city, much celebrated for its architecture and rich European heritage, you will independently transfer to your group hotel (pre-expedition hotel night included in mandatory transfer package).



DAY 2: Fly to Ushuaia & Embarkation

After an early breakfast at the hotel, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina. Upon arrival, you will be transferred from the airport to a central downtown location to enjoy some time on your own to explore this quaint port town before making your way to the pier. After a late afternoon embarkation, you will sail along the historic Beagle Channel, which transects the Tierra del Fuego archipelago in the extreme south of South America. Expect an air of anticipation as you depart—the next time you see land, you'll be in the remote Antarctic wilderness.



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Crossing the legendary 800-km stretch of

water is a must-do for many travelers.

Prepare yourself for dramatic seascapes as

Antarctic Peninsula

gaze at the water stretching beyond the

distant horizon. Be on the lookout fo

dolphins, whales, and seabirds, especially

albatrosses, petrels and skuas as they glide

over the sometimes rough waters. As the

ship approaches the Antarctic Peninsula,

keep your eyes peeled for your first glimpse

of towering, multi-shaped icebergs.



DAY 4: At Sea with Polar Experts

Today we cross the Antarctic Convergence,

moving into the biological Antarctic, where

the warmer waters of the sub-Antarctic

meet the cold Antarctic. Your days at sea

are filled with presentations led by your

Expedition Team on photography, wildlife,

glaciology, and history. In between

presentations, spend time on deck looking

for wildlife or chatting with your shipmates

over a drink at the bar.



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Locations

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Operations in Antarctica are acutely weather-dependent. We have designed this itinerary so we can spend time each day in stunning locations that allow us to enjoy helicopter opportunities if the conditions are not favorable. Each day on the Antarctic Peninsula will showcase the flexibility and technical prowess of our industry-leading expedition team, pilots and crew. As Ultramarine gains access to the Antarctic Peninsula, our team will look for opportunities to experience Antarctica beyond the coast and over the expansive glacial terrain of the last great wilderness. Together, Antarctic Sound, Erebus and Terror Gulf, northwestern Weddell Sea are the theater of this venture. Initially we plan to sail into Antarctic Sound where we will visit two towering geological features: Madder Cliffs on Joinville Island, and Brown Bluff on the most northerly tip of the Antarctic Continent. Our goal is to visit large Adélie penguin colonies in this area by Zodiac. Gentoo penguins and seals also frequently roam this coast. There will be time to marvel at the impressive topography, namely the 678 meter (2,225-foot) volcanic rock cliffs at Brown Bluff—though, if weather allows, we may pivot from our marine operations and embark on our first flightseeing experience of the voyage. What you will have just seen from sea, you will now experience from the sky as you gaze over the vastness of Antarctica with the perspective of a snow petrel. Continuing through Antarctic Sound and into Erebus and Terror Gulf, located on the tip of the southeast side of the Antarctic Peninsula, Ultramarine will be positioned to maximize both helicopter and Zodiac excursions. The James Ross Island group, which comprises several Islands, offers myriad opportunities to explore historically relevant sites that were discovered by the Swedish Antarctic Expedition of 1901-04. Upon landing, we plan to hike to a summit to view an Adélie penguin colony, as well as the northern Weddell Sea. If the tide is low, there may be grounded bergs in the shallow waters— a surreal sight you're unlikely to encounter on many polar expeditions. These islands, highly valued for their geological significance, are home to fossil finds, ventifacts (ancient rocks polished smooth over time by wind and grains of sand) and the remains of the KT Boundary, which marks the transition between the Cretaceous Period (dinosaurs and reptiles) and the Tertiary Period (mammals). Our goal is to provide opportunities for you to see ventifacts up close, to better appreciate the significance of wind erosion-by sand or ice particles— over long periods of time. These ventifacts provide valuable information about the climatic history and prevailing wind patterns of the region. As already mentioned, atmospheric conditions influence when and where we fly-on any day of our voyage-at any of the superb locations in the region. When not flying, we'll shift our focus from geology to wildlife. For instance, we could Zodiac cruise to Devil Island and head out on a hike that will allow participants to appreciate the twin towering cones of ash and hardened lava that rises from a bay on the north shore of Vega Island. Alternatively, we may aim for renowned Paulet Island, home to one of the largest Adélie penguin rookeries in the area, as well as the historic hut built by members of the Swedish Antarctic Expedition of 1901-04. A cross marks the grave site of Ole Wennersgaard, a member of the c



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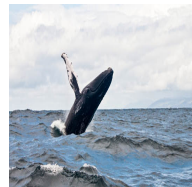
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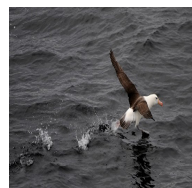
Take some time, as we journey back across the 800-kilometre Drake Passage, to relax after your off-ship adventures. Ultramarine can book a soothing facial treatment or massage.

Additionally, you can also relax in the sauna with floor-to-ceiling windows that keep you connected to the polar seas while you rejuvenate indoors.



DAY 11: At Sea towards Ushuaia

Your polar learning isn't over. Join our on-board experts as they continue to share their vast polar expertise through scheduled presentations in our Ambassador Theater. The state-of-the-art, high-resolution LED screen wall in the main theater ensures high-definition viewing of presentations from your Expedition Team from any angle. This is an excellent opportunity to ask any lingering questions you have about any aspect of your Antarctic experiences.



DAY 12: Disembark in Ushuaia

You will arrive in Ushuaia in the morning and disembark after breakfast. The mandatory transfer package includes a tour of Tierra del Fuego National Park for a taste of Patagonia, after which you'll transfer to the airport for the return group charter flight to Buenos Aires. *Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Hotel & Cabin on board ship

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INCLUSIONS

Cabin accommodation on board ship
All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage
Beer, standard wines & spirits, & cocktails during pre-dinner bar service, dinner & evenings
Coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
All scheduled landings and excursions
Guiding and lectures by experienced expedition team
Expedition parka (yours to keep)
A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
One 10 to 15 minute helicopter flight-seeing excursion (weather permitting)
Free WiFi

MANDATORY TRANSFER PACKAGE

One night pre transfer accommodation in a hotel in Buenos Aires with breakfast *
*(Note: The number of guests per room is the same as cabin occupancy on the ship. Due to limited availability, travelers who reserve a suite on board are accommodated in standard rooms at the hotel. Triple rooms may not be available.)
Group flights from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia on a return basis
Transfers from the hotel to the airport in Buenos Aires
Airport transfer and express bus tour of Tierra Del Fuego National Park after disembarkation in Ushuaia

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

International flights
Any other pre or post land arrangements not mentioned above
Passport and visa expenses
Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above
Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended
Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned
Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew
Excess-baggage fees on international and domestic flights
Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified
Optional Adventure Activities

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge

Available upon request, a supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please [Contact Us](#) for more information.

Prices are based on per person, and vary from single, quad, triple, and twin cabins.

Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.

Notes

All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.

Please note this itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.*

Includes charter flights from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia on a return basis.

Arrival transfer to Buenos Aires hotel on Day 1 is NOT included.

Price Dependent upon

departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

Sustainability