

Antarctica - The White Continent (Smithsonian Journeys) | L'Austral

Trip Code
ACPOWAS
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Introduction

Enjoy exploring the White Continent on the luxury expedition ship, L'Austral. On this 11 day voyage you will explore the icy realms of Antarctica. Start by crossing the infamous Drake Passage, where you will be able to spot a range of seabirds who accompany the ship on it's journey south. On arrival in Antarctica you will enjoy a range of excursions that are guided by the expert onboard expedition crew. Look out for Gentoo, Adélie, and Chinstrap penguins, Humpback whales, seals and a range of birds. Onboard you will enjoy a range of dining, entertainment and lectures.

This voyage is run in conjunction with Smithsonian Journeys and in addition to the usual elements of the experience, the listed price for these voyages includes transfers to and from the ship, talks and discussions aboard ship by world class experts, and a shore excursion or activity in each port of call that encourages guests to embrace the sights, sounds, tastes, and smells of the local environment and culture.

Itinerary

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DAY 1: Arrival in Buenos Aires

Duration

12 Days

Your cruise package includes a pre-voyage
location in Buenos Aires. Here you will have a
meet and greet at your hotel by our local
representative. Buenos Aires, Argentina's

elegant, historic and cosmopolitan capital,
is known as the "Paris of the South" due to
its European atmosphere with glamorous
avenues lined with fashionable shops and
Parisian-style restaurants and cafes.

Located on the western shore of the estuary
of the Río de la Plata, Buenos Aires has
many fascinating neighbourhoods to explore
including the colourful and lively La Boca,
home to art galleries and tango shows; San
Telmo with its restored mansions and
antique stores and Recoleta, the city's most
exclusive area. Please Note: Check in is
scheduled for the late morning. You will
have time at your leisure to explore the city
in the afternoon.



DAY 2: Embarkation

Capital of Argentina's Tierra del Fuego
province, Ushuaia is considered the
gateway to the White Continent and the
South Pole. Nicknamed "El fin del mundo"
by the Argentinian people, this city at the
end of the world nestles in the shelter of
mountains surrounded by fertile plains that
the wildlife seem to have chosen as the
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Locations days spent in the Drake Passage to

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Reharse yourself with your ship and

deepen your knowledge of the Antarctic.

The Expedition Leader will first present the

IAATO rules of conduct that must be

observed during landings in the region and

will explain everything you need to know

about the zodiac outings. Lectures about the

history and wildlife of the Antarctic will be

an opportunity for you to learn more about

this magical region, where every cruise is a

unique experience. You will experience

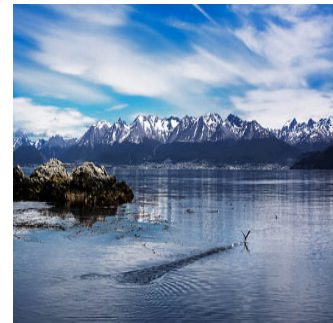
exceptional sailing moments on board and

join the naturalist-guides on your ship's

exterior decks to look out for albatrosses,

cape petrels, and other seabirds flying over

the Drake Passage.



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DAY 5 - Antarctic Peninsula - Day 4 to 8

Duration

12 Days

Succumb to the magic of a place unlike any

location. On this day, the mythical Antarctic

Peninsula still holds real fascination and

promises its visitors unforgettable moments.

Throughout your adventure in this icy

realm, you will find yourself in the heart of a

spectacular decor in subtle shades of blue

and white, surrounded by exceptional

wildlife. Penguins, humpback whales, seals

and giant petrels are at home here, as are

elephant seals, fur seals, Antarctic minke

whales, and orcas. Depending on which

sites you will be lucky enough to visit, you

may get the chance to observe them and

share with them the beauty of these

extreme parts. Each day, based on ice

conditions, the Captain and the Expedition

Leader will suggest zodiac outings or

landings to discover the infinite riches of

the Antarctic Peninsula. Glaciers, ice floe,

tabletop icebergs, mountain peaks that

plunge straight into the sea, volcanic

beaches, research stations, enchanting

bays, and vestiges of the whaling industry:

these are the faces of the Antarctic that will

likely reveal themselves to you, in a hushed

and surreal atmosphere. You will sail in the

wake of Jean-Baptiste Charcot, Adrien de

Gerlache and Sir Ernest Shackleton, great

Antarctic explorers who, from the 19th

century, set out to conquer these remote

and uninhabited lands.



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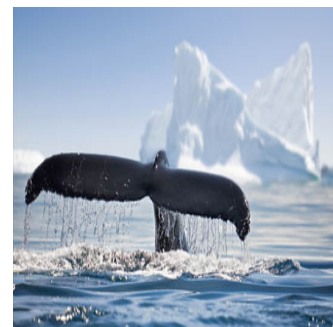
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Locations one place, one sea, one waterway

Antarctica, Antarctic Peninsula

Created by tourists, researchers and hardened seafarers alike, it is undoubtedly Drake Passage. Situated at the latitude of the infamous Furious Fifties winds, between Cape Horn and the South Shetland Islands, it is the shortest route to connect Antarctica to South America. Seasoned navigators will tell you that you must earn your visit to the White Continent! As the Antarctic convergence zone where cold currents rising up from the South Pole meet warmer equatorial water masses, Drake Passage harbours a very diverse marine fauna. Don't forget to look to the sky to catch a glimpse of elegant albatross and Cape petrels, playfully floating about in the wind around your ship.



DAY 12: Disembarkation - Day 11

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Inclusions & Details

Accommodation Cabin on board a ship & hotel

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INCLUSIONS

1 night of accommodation in Buenos Aires
Group transfers to/from the Airport in Buenos Aires
Cabin accommodation whilst on board L'Austral
Flights from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia (economy class)
Group transfers in Ushuaia from Port to Airport
All meals whilst on board
Open bar (no premium brands)
Mini bar in your stateroom (Champagne additional fee)
Scheduled landings and excursions, conditions permitting
Guiding and lectures by expedition team
Complimentary Polar expedition jacket
Free use of rubber boots for shore excursions
All port taxes
Comprehensive pre and post voyage informational material
Free WIFI

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

Airfares other than specified
Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)
Travel Insurance
Personal expenses such as laundry
Gratuities for the crew (recommend US\$15 per person per day)
Optional Activities not mentioned in itinerary
2 (light adventure)
Available upon request, 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.

Difficulty Rating
Single Surcharge

Notes

An arrival transfer will be provided on arrival in Buenos Aires if arriving as part of the pre-cruise package the day before embarkation ONLY. Transfers are available from Ministro Pistarini International Airport (EZE) or Aeroparque Jorge Newbery (AEP) and will take you to the pre-departure hotel.

Price Dependent upon

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

Sustainability